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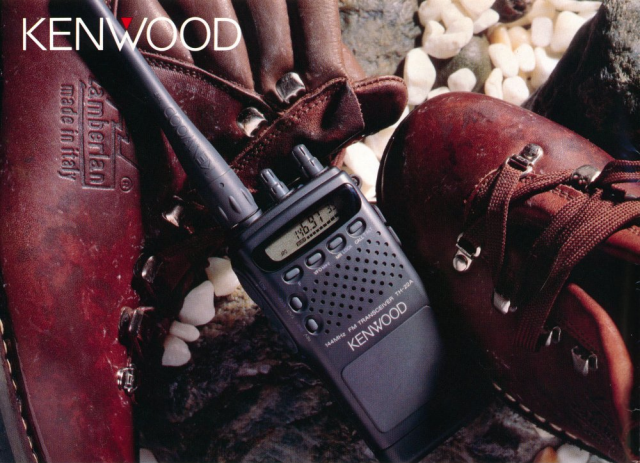


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Cover

Ron Fisher VK3OM's fully equipped Toyota Hiace van parked at the Devil's Marbles in the Northern Territory during his 1994 around Australia expedition. Ron and wife Lyn travelled in company with two other couples, including editor Bill Rice VK3ABP and wife Margaret. Amateur radio operation was an important part of their travels. Ron used a Yaesu FT747 on HF and an ICOM IC28A on 2 metres. Mobile HF antennas included a Hustler and a Global (see page 12 of last month's Amateur Radio for more details).

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Editor's Comment

Licence Fees

I must preface these comments by making clear that they are entirely my own personal opinions and do not necessarily reflect the views of Federal Council or anyone else.

Firstly, judging by the volume of mail received since the new fees were announced, there appears to have been a violent reaction by many amateurs to the magnitude of the increases. Such a reaction was to be expected to a proposed fee level not far short of twice its previous value (from \$37 to \$69 for a full licence). We are accustomed to various prices, taxes, duties, etc being increased from time to time, but never by such a rise in one blow!

There has been a suggestion by some that the increases were provisional and still subject to re-negotiation (as hinted in last month's insert to *Amateur Radio*, with the possibility of rising further, or falling, by as much as \$10). But even \$59 is still much more than \$37.

This month's insert, protesting at the rises, was not originated by Federal Council (it was the idea of Ian Hunt VK5QX), but does have its support. It gives all of you an opportunity to express your own attitudes personally. Likewise, the comments by Stephen Pall on the *How's DX* page are his own thoughts, but do make comparison with CB operators whose licences are now free!

Altogether, there seem to be many anomalies in the proposals, which require a great deal more convincing justification than has been received so far.

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WIA Videotape Library

It is customary to list all the videotape titles available from the WIA Videotape Library in the February issue of *Amateur Radio* magazine each year, as well as explain how members and clubs may borrow from the library.

Bob Godfrey VK4BOB advises that there have been no new titles added to the library since compilation of the list that appeared in the February 1994 issue of *Amateur Radio*.

Therefore, because space is at a premium in this issue of the magazine, we have decided not to print the list this year. If you want details of the Videotape Library, please refer to page 27 of the February 1994 issue of *Amateur Radio*. If you do not have access to that issue, a photocopy of the listing is available from the Federal Office for \$2.50; or you may contact the Federal Videotape Librarian, Bob Godfrey VK4BOB, by writing to him at 20 Buckra Street, Bracken Ridge QLD 4107, or by telephoning him after hours on (07) 269 5380.

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QSP News

Amateur Radio Talking Book

The WIA has been negotiating for some time with the Royal Institute for the Blind in Victoria to have *Amateur Radio* converted onto tape for the blind.

Despite the fact that we have two volunteers who have presented sample readings which were accepted, we were informed on 8 December that the project was now "on hold" while the User Committee investigates the viability of the scheme.

To lend support to the project it

could be of assistance if amateurs who would use this service could write to:-

Ms Linley Wallis, Chief Librarian,
557 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, VIC 3000.

Special Event Station V175RAAF

Bob VK4ACL, secretary of the Air Forces Amateur Radio NET, advises that, in 1996, the AFAR Net will be putting on air the special event station V175RAAF to celebrate the 75th anniversary of

the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).

The special event station will operate on all amateur frequencies (except WARC) in all modes, including digital.

The major sponsor will be the Department of Defence (RAAF) which has offered to supply certificates and QSL cards.

The AFAR Net meets on Tuesday evenings on 3567 and 3610 kHz, and on Friday afternoons on 7085 kHz.

The awards manager is Brian VK4LV (QTHR).

WIA Divisions

The WIA consists of seven autonomous State Divisions. Each member of the WIA is a member of a Division, usually in their residential State or Territory, and each Division looks after amateur radio affairs within its area.

Division Address	Officers	Weekly News Broadcasts	1995 Fees
VK1 ACT Division GPO Box 600 Canberra ACT 2601 Phone (06) 247 7006	President Rob Apathy Secretary Len Jones Treasurer Don Hume	VK1KRA VK1NLJ VK1DHF 3.570 MHz LSB, 146.950 MHz FM, 438.525 MHz FM each Monday evening (except the fourth Monday) commencing at 8.00 pm. Repeated on Wednesday evening at 8.00 pm on 146.950 MHz FM.	(F) \$70.00 (G) (S) \$56.00 (X) \$42.00
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VK4 Queensland Division GPO Box 638 Brisbane QLD 4001 Phone (074) 96 4714	President Lance Bickford Secretary Rodger Bingham Treasurer	VK4ZAZ VK4HD 1.825, 3.605, 7.118, 10.135, 14.342, 18.132, 21.175, 24.970, 28.400 MHz, 52.525 regional 2m repeaters and 1296.100 0900 hrs Sunday. Repeated on 3.605 & 147.150 MHz, 1930 Monday	(F) \$72.00 (G) (S) \$58.00 (X) \$44.00
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VK6 West Australian Division PO Box 10 West Perth WA 6872 Phone (09) 434 3263	President Cliff Bastin Secretary Ray Spargo Treasurer Bruce Hedland-Thomas	VK6LZ VK6RR VK6OO 146.700 FM(R) Perth, at 0930 hrs Sunday, relayed on 1.825 3.560, 7.075, 14.115, 14.175, 21.185, 28.345, 50.150, 438.525 MHz. Country relays 3.582, 147.350(F) Busselton 146.900(F) Mt William (Bunbury) 147.225(F), 147.250(F) Mt Saddleback 146.725(F) Albany 146.825(F) Mt Barker broadcast repeated on 146.700 at 1900 hrs.	(F) \$60.75 (G) (S) \$48.60 (X) \$32.75
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VK8 (Northern Territory is part of the VK5 Division and relays broadcasts from VK5 as shown received on 14 or 28 MHz).		Membership Grades Full (F) Pension (G) Needy (G) Student (S) Non receipt of AR (X)	Three-year membership available to (F) (G) (X) grades at fee x 3 times.

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■ Construction

"Paddyboard" Circuit Construction

Drew Diamond VK3XU describes his approach to a construction technique mentioned in "Technical Abstracts" last April.*

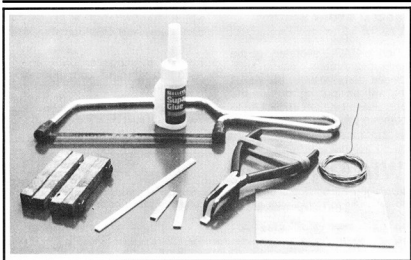


Photo 1 Tools and materials.

If a radio friend, or workmate, gives you circuit details and a spare printed board along with words something like "build that — it works terrific", it's odds-on that you will probably get around to building the thing. However, if a desired project involves figuring out the artwork, then laying out on a circuit board, messing about with chemicals and drilling hundreds of tiny holes, we may not "get around to it" quite so soon.

For one-off radio and electronics projects involving a circuit board, the amateur generally has the choice of a factory-made board (most desirable, but not always available), making a home-made board (if artwork is available), doing the artwork and making the board, employing the "ugly" technique (not always elegant, but quite workable), or not building the project at all.

A circuit board construction method which has not received the attention it deserves uses pads of appropriate size attached to plain

circuit board sheet. No drilling or etching is necessary. More reliable operation, even for VHF circuitry, is usually obtained because the foil provides a continuous "ground plane" under the components, and lead lengths can therefore be made very short, thus improving circuit stability. Capacitance is about 4.3 pF per square centimetre for 2 mm fibre-glass board. So for DC, AF, HF and VHF work, the additional capacitance

of small pads should not significantly alter circuit operation. The example shown in photo 5 is a prototype transmitter board for a 40 m version of the "TCF" transceiver presently under development.

Scraps of single or double-sided board are hacksawed, guillotined, or tin-snipped to the sizes required. For applications involving ordinary transistors and passive components, squares of about 6 mm are suggested. Rough edges and burrs should be removed with a flat mill file. According to authoritative opinion, the dust from fibre-glass board is not known to be hazardous. However, as with any dusty job, "you should wear a suitable mask (available from hardware shops) when cutting this material."

Here are two effective methods of attaching the pads to the board; a **tiny** dab of super glue is applied to one side (single or double-sided), then the pad is quickly placed onto the board at the spot required. To make the job a little easier, temporarily solder a resistor to the pad, then use it as a "handle" when positioning. Both surfaces must be clean before the glue is applied. Be sure the glue has set properly before the soldering iron is applied again. If a pad needs to be removed later, carefully present a sharp pocket-knife blade to the pad-board junction and snap it off the board.

The second method, which I prefer, uses pads of double-sided board. Using bent long-nose pliers as an extra hand to hold the pad on the workbench, apply a narrow thin line of solder along two opposite edges of one surface of the pad foil (photo 2).

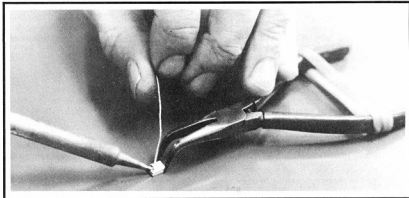


Photo 2 Tinning the pad.

Place the pad, pre-soldered side down, onto the board in the exact spot required. Again use the bent pliers to lightly clamp the pad in position (photo 3).

Now this is the crafty part. Apply the tip of your soldering iron at an angle of about 45 degrees so that the tip makes contact with the board and the lower surface of the pad at the very edge of the foil. Melt a little extra solder at the junction as you slide the tip along. A small amount of solder will then "sweat" under the pad. Do the same at the opposite edge. Presto! the pad is firmly attached. Visually check that there are no solder bridges between top and bottom of the pad.

If you need to remove a pad, apply the tip of the iron as before, then place a knife blade under the pad and gently lift one edge just a bit, then do the same with the opposite edge whilst holding the pad with long-nosed pliers, and lift the pad from the board.

For multi leaded components, we will need a "substrate" pad, sized

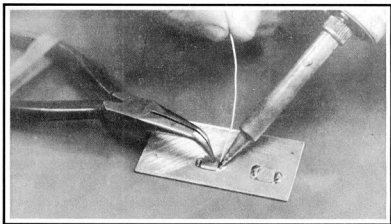


Photo 3 Soldering the pad onto the board.

accordingly. For instance, with 8-leg ICs, try a substrate of perhaps 18 mm x 20 or 25 mm, with spare lands at the ends if desired. An ordinary vice will not normally grip circuit board on its edges for working this material.

Shown is a suggested holding device (left in photo 1). The jig is made from a 65 mm length of 10 x 40

mm hardwood. Using a tenon saw and chisel, cut a channel 18 mm wide along the length of one surface of the wood, about 1.5 mm deep (slightly shallower than your board thickness). Two countersink wood screws are fitted to provide a tightening arrangement. The holes should be clearance to half the width, then

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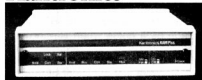


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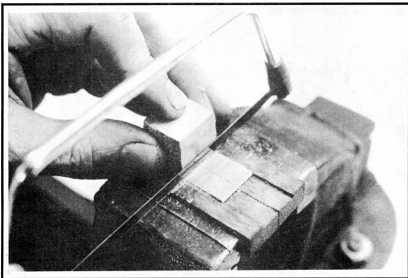


Photo 4 Cutting the substrate.

woodscrew thread in the other half. When the holes for the screws have been drilled, saw the wood lengthways down the middle.

To make a substrate, place your circuit material in the jig and tighten the screws so that it is firmly held. The jig may then be fixed in an ordinary vice; a slightly firmer grip will thus be applied to the job when the vice is tightened. An Eclipse 14J junior hack-saw is a good tool to cut the individual lands. Hold a small scrap of timber against the side of the blade as a guide when starting the cut, then draw the teeth square across the surface of the board (photo 4). Remove just sufficient of the foil to form the lands.

It would be a good plan to socket the ICs, thus avoiding the need for great accuracy in cutting the lands. Wire-wrap and the cheaper sockets allow you to bend their legs a little so that they will be lined up nicely. Substrates may be glued or soldered to the main board in a similar manner to that described for the smaller pads.

We can also make tag strips using this method. With double-sided board, make a substrate with as many lands (or tags) as desired, both sides if necessary. Instead of placing them flat upon the board, they may be soldered vertically on edge to enable the construction of quite compact and dense circuitry, or for use as anchor points for wires and cables.

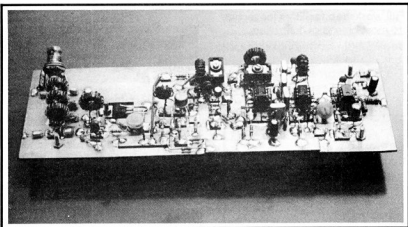


Photo 5 "Paddyboard" construction.

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References and Further Reading

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QSP News

G3AAJ Receives MBE for Services to Amateur Radio

Bill Magnusson VK3JT advised of the following news item from Martin Sweeting G3YJO, Chairman of AMSAT-UK.

Congratulations to Ron Broadbent G3AAJ, Hon Secretary and Treasurer of AMSAT-UK who was awarded an MBE (Member of the British Empire Medal) in the New Year UK Prime Minister's Civil Honours list in recognition of his services to amateur radio.

This award is most well-deserved and is an honour for both Ron and AMSAT-UK, recognising his many years of devoted service to AMSAT and its members worldwide as well as the contribution of AMSAT to the technical advancement of space technology.

I am sure that you will all join in congratulating both Ron and Beryl and also take this opportunity to thank them for all their unstinting hard work in support of AMSAT and amateur radio.

Bill VK3JT points out it is not so long ago that our own Graham Ratcliffe VK5AGR received an OA (Order of Australia) for similar activities with AMSAT in Australia.

Technical Abstracts

Table 1
Output Filter Component Values

Band (metres)	10	15	20
C1 pF	330	470	680
C2 pF	100	150	220
L1	3 turns (all 5/8 inch long or 15 mm)	4 turns	5.5 turns
L2	7 turns 5/8 in long or 15 mm	10 turns both 1 inch long or 25 mm.	12 turns

C1 and C2 are mica or ceramic

L1 and L2 are 3/8 inch inner diameter
or 9 mm wound with # 14 wire.

alternative is to purchase a new module.

The lid of the module must be removed to gain access to the internal circuitry. The modules internally consist of a ceramic or Alumina substrate with the circuitry on it. Failure can occur if thermal expansion and contraction of the substrate cracks one of the tracks. Opening the module may require a hacksaw but, if you are lucky, the lid may only be a snap fit. It is a last ditch, out of warranty, procedure.

With the lid open you may be able to find an open circuit. You then must perform the delicate job of bridging the gap with a jumper. The use of a soldering iron with a high thermal capacity is recommended as the substrate will conduct heat away very efficiently. A complication is the small size of the tracks and components. This is, after all, a last ditch, out of warranty, attempt to avoid an expensive replacement and so some difficulty is to be expected.

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This provides enough capacity to hold the memory during periods when the transceiver is switched off.

The circuit is shown in Fig 2. This circuit is for an IC271H but a similar circuit would be suitable for many other radios. A low leakage 0.1 farad capacitor is used to supply the RAM memory while the radio is switched off instead of the lithium battery.

Diodes isolate the capacitor both from the 5 volt supply and the lithium battery. The capacitor is charged via D1 when the radio is turned on and the RAM memory is supplied via D2. The capacitor voltage is greater than the lithium battery voltage so the RAM memory is supplied with current by the capacitor. The diodes used were germanium switching diodes. The capacitor can supply the RAM memory for about a month.

The capacitor is a secondary backup to the RAM memory supply. Installation is carried out with the radio switched on. Some care is essential.

To cater for long periods with the radio switched off a serviceable lithium battery is required as the capacitor is only a medium term storage. However, the circuit does give you some leeway when replacing the lithium battery.

In those radios where the operating system for the CPU is stored in RAM, extreme care should be exercised both in replacing the lithium battery and with this circuit. A momentary loss of supply to the RAM would necessitate completely reprogramming the RAM. For radios where the RAM only contains information personalising the radio and an extensive set of memories, the consequences are not so severe.

The capacitor used is of a type available locally. The exact capacitance value is not critical and a value between 0.1 F and 1.0 F would be suitable. It must, however, have low leakage. Be very careful not to short out the supply to the RAM during installation. Installation should be done with the radio switched on and you should be careful. Use a soldering iron with an isolated and floating tip. An earthed soldering iron could short out the supply to the RAM which is to be avoided.

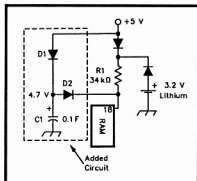


Fig 2 — RAM supply from Low Leakage High Capacity Capacitor.

Repair of VHF/UHF Output Modules

The output modules used in many VHF/UHF transceivers sometimes fail and they are very costly to replace. In *Hints and Kinks* in the November 1994 issue of *QST*, some ideas for repair of these modules are given. John Gruenwald K0BF and David Stockton GM4ZNX give some hope to those brave enough to attempt a repair. Such repair attempts will void any warranty and they should only be undertaken when the only other

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Peter Baker VK5BWI	WHYCOM SA	49 Bastyan Cres, Whyalla Stuart,	5608 086 45 2460 (BH)
Stuart Crowther VK5BWC	Whyalla Amateur Radio Club	68 Acacia Dve, Whyalla Stuart,	5608 086 45 4331 (AH)
Alan Gilchrist VK5BWG	Port Augusta ARC	6 Kinnear Street, Port Augusta,	5700 086 43 6455 (AH)
Peter Horgan VK5BWH	Port Augusta ARC	6 Kinnear Street, Port Augusta,	5700 086 42 2363 (AH)
Bill Offer VK5BWO	Port Augusta ARC	6 Kinnear St, Port Augusta,	5700 086 42 2855 (AH)
Phil Jamieson VK6ZPP	Northern Corridor Radio Group	11 Bromley Place, Kingsley,	6026 09 409 1156 (AH)
Phil Street VK6KS	Northern Corridor Radio Group	PO Box 97, Mirrabooka,	6061 09 344 5241 (AH)
Rob Lamb VK6VP		10 Butterworth Ave, Koonooolia,	6064 09 247 3009
Des Kinnersey VK6ZJ	Northern Corridor Radio Group	34 Lalina Way, Wanneroo,	6065 09 405 4215
Dianne Cousins VK6BC		25 Dellar Rd, Maddington,	6109
Glenn Cousins VK6AUZ		25 Dellar Rd, Maddington,	6109
Clyde Hillsdon VK6ZCH		3 Youngs Place, Parmelia,	6187 09 419 5764 (AH)
Pat Haywood VK6PH	Peel Amateur Radio Group Inc	9 Baudin Way, Singleton,	6175 09 537 1289
Rod Harrod VK6BRH	Peel Amateur Radio Group Inc	PO Box 1010, Mandurah,	6210 09 535 7178 (AH)
Rex Hickling VK6SN	Peel Amateur Radio Group Inc	PO Box 1010, Mandurah,	6210 09 535 7992
Frank Langford VK6BLA	Peel Amateur Radio Group Inc	10 Clipper Way, Halls Head,	6210 09 581 5028
Rev Suter VK6SA	The Amateur Radio Exam Centre	PO Box 261, Mandurah,	6210
Con Murphy VK6PM		PO Box 88, Yarloop,	6218 097 33 1978
Bill Harrison VK6WJH	Bunbury Radio Club Inc Lot	143 Ewing Rd, Allanson,	6225 097 34 4374 (AH)
Murray Peacock VK6YD	Bunbury Radio Club Inc	PO Box 31, Bunbury,	6230 097 21 5442
John Thornborough VK6AJJ	Bunbury Radio Club Inc	PO Box 31, Bunbury,	6230 097 97 1126
Aubrey Keightley VK6XY	Southern Electronics Group	242 Serpentine Rd, Albany,	6330 098 42 2624
Tom Reed VK6TR	Southern Electronics Group	Lot 25 Shellbay Rd, Lower King,	6330 098 447395
Ron Howrie VK6ANR	Goldfields ARG	PO Box 1281, Kalgoorlie,	6430 090 91 4457
Alan Ransley VK6AJJ	Goldfields ARG	214 McDonald St, Kalgoorlie,	6430 090 21 7746 (AH)
Keith Gadsby VK6MKG	Esperance ARS	13 Westmacott St, Esperance,	6450 090 71 2708 (AH)
Graeme Smith VK6ATS	Esperance ARS	12 Young Place, Esperance,	6450 090 71 2801 (AH)
Peter Zwarcz VK6APZ	Esperance ARS	PO Box 1116, Esperance,	6450
Bob Hollingshead VK6KI		PO Box 1651, Geraldton,	6530 099 64 2246 (AH)
Bob Marlow VK6PJ	Geraldton Amateur Radio Club	PO Box 2004, Geraldton,	6530 099 21 1367 (AH)

Examiner	Group/Club	Address	Telephone
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Bob Jones VK6CJ		PO Box 162, Carnarvon,	6701 099 41 1855
Scott Savage VK6AAB		PO Box 1172, Carnarvon,	6701 099 41 3444 (BH)
Rex Wiggins VK6ARW		PO Box 532, Exmouth,	6707 099 492335
Ed Williams VK6AJR		PO Box 532, Exmouth,	6707 099 491880
Steve Hill VK6PA	ARS Northwest Australia Inc	PO Box 410, Wickham,	6720 091 85 4510 (AH)
Dave Holt VK6YA	ARS Northwest Australia Inc	PO Box 410, Wickham,	6720 091 87 1926
Peter Dowd VK7PR	WIA Tasmanian Division	12 Susan Pde, Lenah Valley,	7008
Andrew Dixon VK7GL	WIA Tasmanian Division	Faulknors Rd, Glenlusk,	7012 002 39 0249 (AH)
Mike Jenner VK7FB	WIA Tasmanian Division	PO Box 641, Rosny Park,	7018 018 12 1755
Bill Reid VK7WR	WIA Tasmanian Division	40 Wentworth St, Bellerive,	7018 002 44 4089 (AH)
Reg Emmett VK7KK	WIA TAS DIV Southern Branch	PO Box 26, Rokeby,	7019 002 48 6824 (AH)
Bill Bower VK7AV	WIA TAS DIV Northern Branch	40 Amy Rd, Launceston,	7250 003 44 1584 (AH)
Al Burke VK7AN	WIA TAS DIV Northern Branch	30 Newland St, Trevallyn,	7250 003 27 1171 (AH)
Barry Hill VK7BE	WIA TAS DIV Northern Branch	611 West Tamar Rd, Riverside Launceston,	7250 003 27 2096
Gary Hammond VK7KYZ	WIA TAS DIV Northern Branch	PO Box 82, Beaconsfield,	7270 003 83 1275
Ron Churcher VK7RN	WIA Tasmanian Division	PO Box 277, Devonport,	7310 004 24 6366 (AH)
Tony Clayton VK7AH	WIA Tasmanian Division	10 Wrenwood Dve, Quilba,	7310 004 24 5375 (AH)
David Spicer VK7ZDJ	WIA Tasmanian Division	5A Helen St, Ulverstone,	7315 004 25 2030
Phil Harbeck VK7PU	WIA Tasmanian Division	14 Kennedy St, Burnie,	7320 004 31 3020
Clarrie Hilder VK7HC	WIA Tasmanian Division	5 Speed St, Cocoe,	7320 004 31 8211
Shane Lynd VK7KHZ	WIA Tasmanian Division	14 Read St, Tullah,	7321 004 73 4256 (AH)
Steve Bush VK7EQ	WIA Tasmanian Division	PO Box 123, Somerset,	7322 004 35 1043
Dick Van Beek VK7KVB	WIA Tasmanian Division	31 Beech Dve, Rosebery,	7470 004 73 1693 (AH)

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Stolen Equipment Register

The Stolen Equipment Register is one of many services offered to members by the WIA. It has been in operation since 1980, and is maintained on a computer database in the Federal Office.

Members wanting to take advantage of the Register, either to publicise the theft of their equipment, or to check equipment they are about to purchase, may write, fax, or telephone the Federal Office.

Any telephone reports of stolen equipment MUST be followed by written confirmation of the details. For maximum efficiency, these details should include the manufacturer's name, model, type of equipment, serial number, date stolen, owner's name, address and call sign, any distinguishing features or modifications and the police contact (if any).

When equipment is recovered it is important that you advise the Federal Office as soon as practicable. The following list is the most up-to-date information available at the time of going to press, but is based entirely on information received from you, the member.

Would all members please check this list and immediately advise if there are any amendments. For space reasons, only those items stolen in the past three years are published in this list.

Manufacturer	Model	Description	Serial Number	Owner	Date Stolen	Comment
ALINCO	DJ-100T	5/8 2 MET WHIP		VK7NDQ	03/06/94	STOLEN FROM COOLANGATTA
ALINCO	DR112T	1/4 WAVE 27MHZ WHIP		VK7NDQ	03/06/94	STOLEN FROM COOLANGATTA
AMSTRAD	PC700	HIHELD & RD ANTENNA	0005049	VK2KIQ	17/10/93	CALLSIGN PAINTED ON BODY
CHIRNSIDE		2M FT TRANSCEIVER	0006697	VK1DA	13/09/93	PORT OF MOUNT BRACKET & MICROPH
DICK SMITH		LAPTOP COMPUTER	532-872380	VK5ALE	16/04/92	ENGRAVED LEPARC OR VK5ALE
FDK		5 MOB HF ANTENNAS		VK3AMM	26/03/92	
GEN ELECTRIC	MULTI 7	2M 5/8 MOBILE WHIP		VK3AMM	26/03/92	
GME	TX472S	2M TRANSCEIVER		VK5XY	06/03/92	ENGRAVED D/LICENCE S 415 265 O
HOME BREW		18 CH 27MHZ SSB CB		VK7GQ	03/06/94	STOLEN FROM COOLANGATTA
HOMEBREW		40 CH UHF TICEIVER	006-62229	VK7GQ	15/02/93	NO DISTINGUISHING FEATURES
ICOM	2410H	ATU		VK7NDQ	03/06/94	STOLEN FROM COOLANGATTA
ICOM	2SAT	6M 60W LINEAR AMP	2668	VK3AMM	26/03/92	
ICOM	2SRA	MOBILE RADIO	1387	STEWART ELEC	25/04/92	
ICOM	720A	HAND HELD	3299	STEWART ELEC	25/04/92	
ICOM	735	HF TRANSCEIVER	06619	K7NDQ	03/06/94	STOLEN FROM COOLANGATTA
ICOM	IC225	MULTI-MODE HF RADIO	8065	STEWART ELEC	25/04/92	
ICOM	IC275	2M MOBILE	62015291	VK5ZFV	30/08/93	SLIGHT HUM IN BACKGROUND
ICOM	IC701	2M MOBILE TRANSCEIV		W2KFK	20/04/93	REAR HEATSINK BROKEN/EPOXIED
ICOM	IC730	HF TRANSCEIVER	02318	VK5ALE	16/04/92	ENGRAVED LEPARC OR VK5ALE
ICOM	IC735	HF TRANSCEIVER	13814689	VK3MT VK3COT	05/11/92	DC POWER CORD NOT TAKEN
ICOM	IC735	HF TRANSCEIVER	406196	RMIT	06/12/92	ENGRAVED HEATSINK & TOP COVER
ICOM	IC735	HF TRANSCEIVER	020254	VK2AZI	16/12/92	INC MOUNTING BRACKET/MICROPHONE
ICOM	ICW2A	PSU POWER SUPPLY	40180	RMIT	06/12/92	
ICOM	P2AT	DUAL BAND HIHLD	001781	VK6ZPE	10/10/93	HM46L MIC/SPEAK DUAL WHIP ALSO
ICOM	R1	HAND HELD	1817	STEWART ELEC	25/04/92	
ICOM	W2A	WIDE BAND RECEIVER	64395	STEWART ELEC	25/04/92	
KENPRO	KRS500B	DUAL BAND HAND HELD	1866	STEWART ELEC	25/04/92	
KENWOOD	TH-28A	H/D ROTATOR		VK6YEF	16/02/92	
KENWOOD	TH-28A	HANDHELD	41003177	ROSS KEOGH	14/07/94	
KENWOOD	TH75A	HANDHELD	41003180	ROSS KEOGH	14/07/94	
KENWOOD	TH77A	VHF/UHF HAND HELD	0061315	VK6KCH	26/02/92	STOLEN FROM CHURCH ST STORE
KENWOOD	TM221A	DUAL BAND HIHLD	30401157	VK6AD	27/02/94	CASE - SPRK/MIC - MOB POWER LEAD
KENWOOD	TM221A	2M FM TRANSCEIVER	8022576	VK7GQ	15/02/93	PLUS DIAMOND D/BAND ANTENNA
KENWOOD	TR2400A	2M FM TRANSCEIVER	8022583	VK3KGM	04/11/92	NO DISTINGUISHING FEATURES
KENWOOD	TR751A	2 METRE HIHLD	0114944	VK6ART	20/06/93	
KENWOOD	TR851	144 MHZ TRANSCEIVER	7050702	VK3HY	23/04/92	NO IDENTIFICATION
KENWOOD	TS120S	70 CM TRANSCEIVER	8100046	VK3TRI	28/04/94	CALLSIGN ENGRAVED
KENWOOD	TS120S	HF TRANSCEIVER	0010035	VK2EV	05/06/92	WITH MIKE AND 12V POWER LEAD
KENWOOD	TS120V	HF TRANSCEIVER	0070741	VK5AKN	12/05/92	ENGRAVED WITH DRIVERS LICENCE NO
KENWOOD	TS440S	HF TRANSCEIVER	9100338	VK2NVS	16/12/93	ENGRAVED WITH DRIVERS LICENCE NO
KENWOOD	TS520S	HF TRANSCEIVER	560782	VK6ELL	01/02/92	UIC NO N674522 ON BACK
KENWOOD	TSW1000A	HF TRANSCEIVER	8052033	SPARC	16/06/93	
MICROMETER	TINY 2	DUAL BAND 2M/70 FM		VK3XV	04/05/93	MICROPHONE & ANTENNA DIPLEXER
PAC-COMM	TINY 2	SWR METER NOT KNOWN		VK5ALE	16/04/92	ENGRAVED LEPARC OR VK5ALE
PALOMAR ELITE	TX5500	TNC	T5782	GOLDBURN ARC	27/11/92	
PHILIPS	1680	TNC	T6784	GOLDBURN ARC	27/11/92	
PHILIPS	20GR1050	HF LINEAR AMPLIFIER		VK2DIG	19/07/94	MODS TO 259 SOCKET AND HEATSINK
PHILIPS	PM80	VHF MOBILE TICEIVER		VK5XY	06/03/92	ENGRAVED D/LICENCE S 415 265 O
PHILIPS	FM826	20 INCH TV	NOT KNOWN	VK6KDN	09/09/92	
SAWTRON	999	VHF TRANSCEIVER	45459	VH3HY	23/04/92	4 COMM 3 X 144 MHZ RPTR CHANNELS
		FM TRANSCEIVER	203026	GOLDBURN ARC	27/11/92	
		UHF CB TRANSCEIVER		VK2KSN	24/04/92	

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STANDARD	C146A	2M TRANSCEIVER		VK3XCE	05/10/92	XTALS FITTED RPT 6700-7000-6500
STANDARD	C528	2M HAND HELD	OOE 130667	VK2PD	27/08/92	MANUAL TAKEN BUT NOT RUBBER DUCK
STANDARD	C528	2M HAND HELD	OOE 150667	VK2PD	27/08/92	MANUAL ALSO
STANDARD	CAT08	MIC/SPEAKER		VK3XCE	05/10/92	
STANDARD	CMPO8	RUBBER DUCK ANTENNA		VK3XCE	05/10/92	
SUPER PANTHER		40CH 27MHZ CB	00029377	VK5ZGP	26/04/92	
UNIDEN	PC122	SSB/AM CB TRANSCEIVER	NOT KNOWN	VK3HY	23/04/92	PHILIPS MICROPHONE
WELZ		SWR/POWER METER		VK2AZI	16/12/92	
YAESU	FC 700	A T U	4J090473	VK5ALE	16/04/92	ENGRAVED LEPARC OR VK5ALE
YAESU	FC700	ANTENNA TUNER		VK2NVS	16/12/93	LIC NO N674522 ON BACK
YAESU	FP700	POWER SUPPLY 3C-020584		VK4BWG	11/03/92	
YAESU	FT 890	HF TRANSCEIVER	2K130424	DSE COBURG	18/07/94	NO ACCESSORIES OR PACKING TAKEN
YAESU	FT-280R	2M TRANSCEIVER	2F22898	VK3XCE	05/10/92	
YAESU	FT209RH	2M FM HANDHELD	6E-260229	VK4BWG	11/03/92	FN84 & FBA10 BATTERY PACKS
YAESU	FT209RH	2M FM HANDHELD	NOT KNOWN	VK6KAD	08/02/93	BROKEN BATTERY RETAINING CLIP
YAESU	FT211RH	2 M MOBILE TX	8M180306	VK2UP	09/07/92	FROM MOTEL HURSTVILLE
YAESU	FT230R	2M FM TRANSCEIVER	2M120897	VK2JCC	10/02/93	
YAESU	FT23R	2 METRE H/HELD	9C651443	VK6TT	11/07/93	
YAESU	FT23R	2 METRE H/HELD	00071776	VK6KDN	09/09/92	PA6 BATTERY ELIM PACK ALSO
YAESU	FT290R	MK1 2 M TRANSCEIVER	3E270928	VK3TRI	28/04/94	INT RF PREAMP/CALLSIGN ENGRAVED
YAESU	FT290R11	2M FM TRANSCEIVER	8G130128	VK3YNB	04/06/92	WITH BATTERY BOX
YAESU	FT290R11	2M FM TRANSCEIVER	9F240010	VK2BVR	10/03/93	
YAESU	FT415	2 METRE HAND HELD	2I 127773	DICK SMITH	05/05/93	
YAESU	FT415	2 METRE HAND HELD	2I 173633	DICK SMITH	05/05/93	
YAESU	FT470	DUAL BAND HAND HELD	1 K 430817	D SMITH ELEC	31/12/92	
YAESU	FT7	HF TRANSCEIVER		VK5XY	06/03/92	ENGRAVED DILIGENCE S 415 265 O
YAESU	FT707	HF TRANSCEIVER	OG030440	VK3AMM	26/03/92	
YAESU	FT712	UHF TRANSCEIVER	81120576	GOLDBURN ARC	27/11/92	
YAESU	FT747		2C721035	VK3YSU	00/02/94	ITEMS FROM DICK SMITH SPRINGVALE
YAESU	FT757	HF TRANSCEIVER	4E-071058	VK4BWG	11/03/92	
YAESU	FT757GX	II HF TRANSCEIVER	IL590102	DICK SMITH E	13/05/92	STOLEN FROM PARRAMATTA STORE
YAESU	FT911		1H140173	VK3YSU	00/02/94	ITEMS FROM DICK SMITH SPRINGVALE
YAESU	FT912R		OKD40382	VK3YSU	00/02/94	ITEMS FROM DICK SMITH SPRINGVALE
YAESU	FTV707	6M TRANSVERTER	1H010331	VK3AMM	26/03/92	
YAESU	SP4	EXTENSION		VK2AZI	16/12/92	
YAESU	YM24A	MIC/SPEAKER		VK3XCE	05/10/92	

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QSP News

1994 Amateur Radio Awards

Amateur Radio magazine, as members know, is a magazine of the members and for the members of the organisation which represents the Australian amateur service both nationally and internationally.

Some of the interesting and original articles which appear in *Amateur Radio* are republished in overseas publications but this is not the only tribute which authors of articles submitted to the WIA magazine receive. Every year the WIA Publications Committee selects winners of three annual magazine awards. Yet again, the task of the Publications Committee

was not an easy one this year considering the wide range of quality articles published in our magazine over the past 12 months.

However, at the Publications Committee meeting held on 8 December 1994 the annual *Amateur Radio* awards were allocated. The eventual winners were selected after much consideration by that committee.

The **AI Shawsmith Journalistic Award**, presented for an article on a radio theme considered best to display journalistic merit, was awarded to Bob Hawksley VK2GRY for his article "Forever Courteous" which appeared in the December issue of *Amateur Radio*. Bob receives an engraved wall

plaque as well as a cheque for \$100.00.

The **Technical Award**, for the best technical article(s) published during the year, was awarded to Will McGhie VK6UU for his monthly column *Repeater Link*. Will receives a cheque for \$100.00.

The **Higginbotham Award**, for meritorious service to amateur radio generally, was awarded to Eric Jamieson VK5LP for 25 years of service to VHF/UHF operators through his monthly column *VHF/UHF — An Expanding World*. Eric also receives a cheque for \$100.00.

Congratulations to Bob, Will and Eric on winning these *Amateur Radio Awards* for 1994!

ALARA

Sally Grattidge VK4SHE*, ALARA Publicity Officer

Monday Night Net

The 80 metre net has struggled on through the poor summer conditions and is always well attended, even though some of the more distant stations can do little more than shout hello through the static. However, even at this time of year, there is the occasional night when signals are surprisingly good, so it is always worth listening to see who you can copy.

Recent regular callsigns include VK2AMJ, VK3AGC, VK3DMS, VK3DYF, VK3FMC, VK3OZ, VK4AOE, VK4NBC, VK4SHE, VK5AMD, VK5AOV, VK5BMT, VK5CTY, VK5YL and VK6YF, with others checking in when conditions permit. A less frequently heard callsign is always made welcome. If you cannot hear net control, just call after one of the stronger signals and they will relay for you.

If you wish to know what the weather has been like for the last week around Australia, just listen to the ALARA Monday net. That is the way the net starts most weeks and it makes interesting listening, showing what a large and varied country we live in.

Details of this net are, Monday nights on 3580 kHz +/- at 1000 UTC during daylight saving, and 1030 UTC at other times.

ALARA committee meetings are also held on 80 metres. Motions are passed and votes counted with many relays, "say agains", phonetic spelling and the rest. Christine VK5CTY does a mighty job keeping everything under control. I am sure most of us have experienced less well organised meetings where everybody can see and hear each other clearly.

News from the Members

Mary VK5AMD has had to sheath her antennas with short lengths of over-sized plastic tubing to deter the gals and correllas who like to perch on them. Mary has had very little trouble with the birds since she tried this trick.

Mary VK3FMC has a different problem. When the beam is set one way the birds leave their calling cards on OM Dick's (VK3DLG) vintage Mercedes. If it is turned the other way, Mary's washing receives the "donations". Passers-by think they have a lot of DX contacts.

Marilyn VK3DMS has a improved signal after installing a new balun.

In December a very pleasant luncheon was attended by Jenny VK5ANW, Denise VK5YL, Christine VK5CTY and her OM Geoff VK5TY to welcome Pat VK3OZ and

her OM Peter VK3VB to Adelaide. They were in Adelaide to visit their son and family who were also able to join the party at the Old London Tavern. Philip VK5VB, wife Kathy and their little daughter were welcome additions to the group. Despite arranging the gathering, Meg VK5AOV found she had another engagement so was unable to join in. However, Pat and Peter were able to spend a few hours with Meg and David on their way to Turadin later in the week.

Across the Tasman, Dawn ZL2AGX is recovering well from heart surgery, and will be more active once all the antennas are reinstalled at the new home. On the other side of the continent, Bev VK6DE's OM, Brian VK6AI, is doing well too and back playing bowls.

VK5 Luncheons

Due to the closure of "The Red Apple" restaurant at Edwardstown, the regular meeting place for the VK5 girls on alternate months, it has been necessary to find another venue. In February and April the Parkside "Sizzler" will be the place to meet. The April luncheon will be held on the first Friday instead of the second Friday as this is Good Friday. Visitors are welcome and should contact one of the VK5 girls for details.

If you are going to the Gosford Field Day on 26 February, keep a look out for Dorothy VK2DDB and her ALARA stall there. Go and say "hello" and find out more about ALARA.

Marlene VK3WQ and Jim VK3DL, on the last leg of their 1994 tour, were in Adelaide in November, where they met Meg VK5AOV and David VK5OV at the Art Gallery to view the Irish Masterpieces. After which they were joined by Christine VK5CTY and Geoff VK5TY for lunch. Jim and Marlene also managed a trip on the O-Bahn, the Adelaide Christmas Pageant and two days at Murray Bridge with Meg and David.

The VK5 girls ran their usual catering stall for the AHARS Electronic Sale in November last year, and this time it did not coincide with the ALARA contest. Maria VK5BMT ran the day very efficiently assisted by Jenny VK5ANW and Meg VK5AOV. Christine brought the pies from her freezer, but could not stay as she had an amateur exam to supervise. ALARA members there for the day included Jean Day, Jean Kopp, Tina Clogg, and Mary Rodgers and OM Peter from Rudall.

Bev VK4NBC and Graham VK4BGC

are trying to master a new computer. That should keep them quiet for a while. They attended several Hamfests last year, but feel these are not as good as they used to be. Bev had two memorable contacts in December. A good one with Kirsti VK9NL, and a bad one with a nest of paper wasps.

There were some fruity topics of conversation on the net just before Christmas. Marilyn VK3DMS was bottling apricots, Meg VK5AOV had plenty of pears, Mary VK5AMD had bananas and passionfruit, Sally VK4SHE was making mango chutney and Mary was picking loganberries.

Joan VK3BJB travelled extensively last year keeping up with family and friends including Japanese amateurs on ships in port in Australia. She is improving her Japanese by going to classes and checking into the Japanese Maritime Mobile and Yacht networks.

The Townsville YLs decided not to have a Christmas break-up last year as there were so many other parties going on. They planned to have a new year get-together instead. Those intending to take their holidays in the sunny north are reminded of the North Queensland Convention in September. After the successful Queensland YL meet last year in Bundaberg, this will be a great opportunity to get together again with no problems about how to amuse the OM.

The District Radio Ladies combined with the CQ Branch for a Christmas party at the QTH of Robyn VK4RL and Rob VK4SEA on 17 December. Children in nearby streets were delighted by Santa throwing lollies from a trailer cunningly disguised as a sleigh.

New Callsign

June VK4DDJ is now VK4SJ, and her OM is VK4BP.

Thought For The Month

The nice thing about radio friends is that you can take them with you when you move.

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Control station VK5AGR

Bulletin normally commences at 1000 UTC, or 0900 UTC on Sunday evening depending on daylight saving and propagation. Check-ins commence 15 minutes prior to the bulletin.

Frequencies (again depending on propagation conditions):

Primary 7.064 MHz. (usually during summer).

Secondary 3.685 MHz. (usually during winter).

Frequencies +/- 5 kHz for QRM. AMSAT Australia newsletter and software service

The newsletter is published monthly by Graham VK5AGR. Subscription is \$30 for Australia, \$35 for New Zealand and \$40 for other countries by AIR MAIL. It is payable to AMSAT Australia addressed as follows:

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Adelaide SA 5001

Frequencies for Phase 3D

AMSAT Phase-3 D design team member Peter Guelzow (DB2OS) reported recently that flight crystals for the transponders were ordered and further changes in receiver and transmitter frequencies are not expected. He released the following transponder-plans.

AMSAT PHASE 3-D Transponder-Bandplan as at 1 Dec 94

AMSAT P3-D Uplink Bandplan

Uplink	Digital	Analog Passband
15 m	none	21.210 - 21.250 MHz
2 m	145.800 - 145.840 MHz	145.840 - 145.990 MHz
70cm	435.300 - 435.550 MHz	435.550 - 435.800 MHz
23cm(1)	1269.000 - 1269.250 MHz	1269.250 - 1269.500 MHz
23cm(2)	1268.075 - 1268.325 MHz	1268.325 - 1268.575 MHz
13cm(1)	2400.100 - 2400.350 MHz	2400.350 - 2400.600 MHz
13cm(2)	2446.200 - 2446.450 MHz	2446.450 - 2446.700 MHz
6cm	5668.300 - 5668.550 MHz	5668.550 - 5668.800 MHz

Note: all receivers are inverting

AMSAT P3-D Downlink Bandplan

Downlink	Digital	Analog Passband
10 m	29.330 MHz (+/- 5 KHz)	%
2 m	145.955 - 145.990 MHz	145.805 - 145.955 MHz
70cm	435.900 - 436.200 MHz	435.475 - 435.725 MHz
13cm	2400.650 - 2400.950 MHz	2400.225 - 2400.475 MHz
3cm	10451.450 - 10451.750 MHz	10451.025 - 10451.275 MHz
1.5cm	24048.450 - 24048.750 MHz	24048.025 - 24048.275 MHz

Beacons

Band	Beacon-1	Beacon-2
2 m	none	none
70cm	435.450 MHz	435.850 MHz
13cm	2400.200 MHz	2400.600 MHz
3cm	10451.000 MHz	10451.400 MHz
1.5cm	24048.000 MHz	24048.400 MHz

Note:

Beacon-1 (formerly known as the General Beacon) and Beacon-2 (formerly known as the Engineering Beacon) support command access and will be modulated in 400 bit/s BPSK AMSAT-format and possibly CW and RTTY. This means that currently available telemetry demodulators will work on p3d.

Due to limitations within the IF-matrix and two metre bandwidth there will not be any beacon on two metres.

Demise of OSCAR-13

Reports have been circulating via news broadcasts and the packet network on the imminent demise of OSCAR-13. It was reported to be expected to re-enter the atmosphere and burn up in mid December 1994. They got the month right but not the year! The latest studies by James Miller G3RUH and others have shown that the likely date for re-entry is in early December 1996. James' money is on 5 Dec 1996 but he hastens to say that closer estimates will be available as the time approaches. Funny how these rumours get around. The accurate information is not secret and has been published in all AMSAT magazines and newsletters including Graham VK5AGR's AMSAT-VK newsletter and this column. I urge you to not listen to rumours, listen to the beacon. All relevant and topical

information is broadcast regularly through AO-13 itself. The broadcasts are made in 400 baud PSK, RTTY and CW.

New Satellites

The long awaited RS-15 satellite has become a reality. It was launched from Baikonur space centre at 0300 UTC on 26 December 1994. RS-15 is a mode "A" satellite rather reminiscent of OSCAR-7. It has a similar orbit with an apogee of 2254 km and a perigee of 1875 km. This gives it a much larger footprint than the usual low-earth-orbiter. As an example, when it is over the north Atlantic ocean it can see parts of Western Europe, eastern Canada and the US, northern South America and West Africa. The apogee has been placed over the northern hemisphere and the position is not quite as good in our latitudes. It is still pretty good though and passes can be as long as 28 minutes when RS-15 goes overhead.

I can remember OSCAR-7 being up for as long as 25 minutes which means that it travels slowly, is easy to track and gives plenty of time for good QSOs. RS-15 should prove popular among newcomers and old timers alike as mode "A" has few of the problems associated with LEOs having UHF transponders. The Doppler shift is easy to follow and simple antennas are quite satisfactory to receive the down link signals on 29 MHz. We used to obtain very good results on OSCAR-7 with a one wavelength square (quad) loop mounted horizontally as high as possible in the clear.

Footprints should enable QSOs to be made over all of VK/ZL and parts of Asia and Antarctica. OSCAR-7, like most amateur low-earth-orbiters, was in a polar orbit giving two sets of three passes per day. RS-15 is in a high inclination orbit

(nearly 65 degrees) meaning that at our latitudes we can expect the two sets of passes to "string" together giving one series of maybe six or seven orbits per day. This is typical of high inclination satellites like MIR and STS.

Transponder frequencies for RS-15 are:

Uplink 145.858 to 145.898 MHz
Downlink 29.354 to 29.394 MHz
CW beacon 1 to 29352.5 kHz
CW beacon 2 to 29398.7 kHz

The transponders support CW and SSB modes only. Please DO NOT overload the transponders with continuous modes like AM, FM, SSTV etc.

At the time of writing there is still some uncertainty about the keps for RS-15. This is not unusual as it is often the case for a short period soon after launch that the satellite and the last stage of the rocket orbit close to each other and it is difficult to tell which is which. This will be resolved in the coming weeks but for those of you who wish to look at the orbit I have searched out what seems to be a satisfactory set of keps.

Plug them in and give this new bird a go.

Satellite: RS-15

Object Number: 94085A

NASA Designation: 23439U
Epoc Time 94: 362.6062197
Epoc Rev: 283
Mean Anomaly: 52.6969
Mean Motion: 11.19236697
Inclination: 64.7982
Eccentricity: 0.0224393
Arg of Perigee: 305.3126
R.A.A.N: 170.9393
Decay: -4.2000e-007

I mentioned new satellites (plural). The second worthy of mention is a new NOAA weather satellite. Many of our number are avid followers of the WXsats. The pictures available on the high resolution SHF channel are extraordinarily good, showing clear detail of coastal and topographical features down to a km or so. NOAA-14 is no exception. It was launched at 1002 UTC on 30 December 1994 from Vandenberg Air Force Base. Within a few days high resolution GIFs began appearing on the various internet services.

Next month, FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions).

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QSP News

Insert

Elsewhere in this issue of *Amateur Radio* you will find an insert which provides a suggested wording for a letter which can be sent to any politicians regarding the attack mounted on our hobby by the threat of increased charges and taxes. You may wish to change the content to suit your own ideas.

For greatest effect your letter should preferably be no longer than one page. In the form provided it will just fit on an A4 sized sheet allowing room for headings and signatures, etc.

A good idea would be to obtain a copy of the release provided as an insert to *Amateur Radio* magazine for January 1995 and forward this with your letter.

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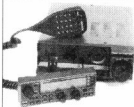
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AWARDS

John Kelleher VK3DP — Federal Awards Manager*

Changes to DXCC listings since 1987.
All dates shown are effective from the date of publication by the ARRL.

Firstly, the additions:
Jan. 1987 3Y Peter 1 Island.
April 1988 P4 Aruba Island.
April 1988 S0 Western Sahara.
May 1989 4J1 Maljy Vysotskij Island.
May 1989 3D Rotuma Island.
May 1990 3D Conway Reef.
May 1990 T33 Banaba (Ocean) Island.
May 1990 ZS9 Walvis Bay.
May 1991 7O Yemen (Nth & Sth combined).
Sept. 1991 ZS0-1 Penguin Island.
Jan. 1993 9A Croatia.
Jan. 1993 S5 Slovenia.
Jan. 1993 T9 Bosnia-Herzegovina.

June 1993 4N5 Macedonia.
June 1993 OK Czech Republic.
June 1993 OM Slovakia.

The deletions were:
Mar. 1991 Y2 East Germany.
Mar. 1991 4W North Yemen.
Mar. 1991 7O South Yemen.
June 1993 A15 Abu Ail Island.
June 1993 OK Czechoslovakia.
Jan. 1994 ZS9 Walvis Bay.
Jan. 1994 ZS0-1 Penguin Island.

From the above list, it can be seen that the former country of Czechoslovakia is now divided into the Czech Republic, and Slovakia. Yugoslavia remains as a DXCC country, while the breakaway Republics of Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia have been added to the DXCC countries list.

Walvis Bay and Penguin Island stayed

for a comparatively short time, both being deleted by March 1994. The operation by P5RS7 was an absolute fizzer. The ARRL has removed any inference of this supposed operation from their books. BV9P, Pratas Island, is still hanging in the balance, requiring more definite documentation. More recently, the DXAC has voted against adding the Austral Marquesas, and Balleny Islands to the DXCC countries list, which stands at 326 countries.

There is a hint of an operation to little-known Sala-y-Gomez Island in the South Pacific in August 1995. The tentative callsign may be XR0Z.

If you find that your callsign does not appear in the following WIA DXCC listings, it is because:

- (a) you have not updated your claims since December, 1988; or
- (b) your current listings have dropped below 100 countries due to changes and deletions, etc.

Now, here are your current WIA DXCC listings....

WIA DXCC Standings						General Listing	
Phone		VK4DP	289/300	VK2BQS	162/165	VK3XB	309/343
Honour Roll		VK2AKP	289/294	VK4LV	159/161	VK4AAR	308/311
Callsign	Countries	VK2DTH	287/289	VK4BAY	158/160	VK4RF	306/332
VK5MS	326/379	VK4BG	286/301	VK2NO	157/	VK3KS	295/322
VK4KS	326/372	VK2APK	285/313	VK4IT	153/154	VK5WO	295/310
VK4LC	326/372	VK3CYL	283/290	7J1AAL	149/150	VK6RU	274/318
VK5WO	326/361	VK3DU	282/290	VK4ARB	149/150	VK2APK	274/304
VK6HD	326/350	VK5OU	281/286	VK4DMP	147/148	VK3AKK	267/272
VK6LK	326/350	VK3VU	272/275	VK3DNC	141/142	VK3JI	257/280
VK4RF	326/344	VK4OD	272/275	VK6LC	139/140	VK7BC	224/233
VK3QI	326/339	VK3GI	263/266	VK2EQ	139/	VK3DP	222/225
VK3AKK	326/337	ZS6IR	259/262	VK4CHB	137/138	VK4LV	218/225
VK3DYL	326/331	VK3VQ	255/272	VK2SPS	135/137	VK4DA	217/219
VK6RU	325/379	VK2SG	253/274	VK4VJ	135/137	VK2CWS	210/212
VK4OH	325/331	VK2AVZ	251/257	VK6LG	135/135	VK4DP	203/214
VK2FGI	325/330	VK4QO	251/255	VK4CY	132/133	VK4OD	185/188
VK5QW	325/329	VK2PU	244/247	Ti2YLL	129/	VK3CIM	184/185
VK4UA	324/331	VK3DP	243/246	LU5EWO	125/	VK6PY	178/181
VK1ZL	324/329	VK6YF	237/240	SM6PRX	122/126	VK5BO	159/184
VK5EE	322/227	VK2CKW	234/237	VK3TI	122/125	VK6MK	157/159
VK6NE	320/335	PS7AB	233/237	VK7WD	115/116	VK3DNC	154/157
VK5XN	318/338	VK3DS	226/336	VK3BRZ	114/116	VK4XJ	150/163
VK3YJ	317/322	VK2ETM	226/227	VK4NJO	111/115	VK6BHW	150/152
VK3OT	315/327	VK5JE	219/221	VK4VIS	110/112	VK4UA	143/155
		VK5BO	218/222	VK5AGM	105/107	VK4ICU	143/
		VK3UY	217/217	N4JED	104/105	VK5UO	142/143
General Listing		VK6APW	215/216	VK3EHP	103/105	EA6AAK	138/
VK3AMK	313/329	VK3DD	214/217	VK4IL	103/	VK7DQ	137/138
VK3CSR	312/320	VK4XJ	204/216	VK4BJE	102/104	VK2SG	136/148
VK6AJW	312/317	ON6DP	200/202	VK5GZ	102/104	VK4KS	126/134
VK7BC	310/319	VK4KRP	199/201	JH3OHO	101/103	VK7TS	125/
VK6VS	309/312	VK2VFT	198/201	VK2CMV	100/102	VK2TB	123/125
VK4AAR	307/310	VK4DDJ	198/198	VK6APH	100/101	VK3AGW	119/120
VK5WV	305/324	VK3CIM	196/199			VK5GZ	116/118
VK3RF	304/311	VK3DVT	196/198	WIA DXCC Standings		VK2AKP	115/117
VK6PY	304/309	VK4AU	191/191	CW		VK4CY	110/
VK3WJ	303/308	VK6BQN	186/190	Honour Roll		VK5QJ	107/109
VK6RO	299/304	VK4ICU	182/184	Callsign	Countries	VK8KV	102/103
VK2WU	292/296	KA1TFU	176/179	VK6HD	324/344	VK2CXC	101/103
VK3JI	290/304	VK7TS	170/171	VK3QI	324/335		

WIA DXCC Standings		VK4AAR	308/311	VK3CIM	236/239	VK4NJQ	133/139
Open		WA3HUP	306/330	VK4LV	235/242	VK4EZ	129/138
Honour	Roll	VK3JI	305/333	VK4XJ	233/249	YB8GH	127/129
Callsign	Countries	VK6PY	305/312	VK5UO	226/229	VK7HV	114/117
VK4KS	326/372	VK4DP	304/317	VK4DA	218/220	VK5BWW	111/112
VK5WO	326/364	VK6RO	304/309	WA5VGI	216/218	VE7BS	106/107
VK4RF	326/361	VK3DP	293/296	VK2CWS	214/216	VK3COR	102/104
VK6HD	326/351	VK2APK	292/328	VK4ICU	212/214	VK3VB	102/104
VK3QI	326/340	VK4BG	292/310	VK2VFT	202/205	SM7WF	101/
VK3AKK	326/337	VK2SG	289/314	VK7TS	201/202		
VK6RU	325/379	VK2AKP	289/294	VK3DNC	185/187	WIA DXCC Standings RTTY	
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VK4UA	324/339	VK3CYL	283/290	PR7CPK	174/175		
VK3JA	321/367	VK3UY	272/274	VK6MK	162/164	Callsign	Countries
VK3OT	318/330	VK3VQ	270/287	VK6NV	154/156	VK3EBP	198/200
VK7BC	317/325	VK5BO	264/301	VK2CXC	150/152	VK2SG	157/160
General Listing		TF5BW	260/264	VK4CHB	145/147	VK2BQS	115/117
		VK4CY	242/243	VK6LC	142/144	*PO Box 2175 Caulfield Junction 3161 ar	
		VK2ETM	239/240	VK5GZ	140/142		

Contests

P Nesbit VK3APN* — Federal Contest Coordinator

Contest Calendar Feb-Apr 95		
Feb 11/12	PACC CWISSB DX Contest	(Jan 95)
Feb 11/12	Spanish RTTY Contest	(Jan 95)
Feb 18/19	ARRL DX CW Contest	(Jan 95)
Feb 24/26	CQ 160 Metre SSB Contest	(Dec 94)
Feb 25/26	RSGB 7 MHz CW Contest	(Jan 95)
Feb 25/26	UBA Belgium CW DX Contest	
Mar 4/5	ARRL DX SSB Contest	(Jan 95)
Mar 11/12	BERU CW Contest	
Mar 18/19	WIA John Moyle Field Day	
Mar 18/19	BARTG RTTY Contest	
Mar 25/26	CQ WPX SSB Contest	
Apr 1/2	SP DX Contest	
Apr 8/9	Israel DX Contest	
Apr 29/30	Helvetia DX Contest (Switzerland)	

This month sees the long-awaited results of the Remembrance Day Contest, courtesy of Alek VK6APK, fresh in his new role of RD Contest Manager. Well done Alek. As usual, many letters and comments were received with the logs, and excerpts will be printed next month if space permits.

We also have the rules for the John Moyle Field Day, a very enjoyable event, and a great chance to head for the wide open spaces and operate portable or mobile. Thanks to Phil VK1PJ.

Finally, we have the results of the Commonwealth Contest, or BERU as it is affectionately known, together with the rules for the next event in March, courtesy of John VK3ZC.

Space is tight this month, so I'll close now and say thanks again to our contributors (VK1PJ, VK3ZC, and VK6APK), also CQ, QST, and Radio Communications. Until next month, good contesting!

73,
Peter VK3APN

Contest Details

The following contest details should be read in conjunction with the "General Rules & Definitions" published in April 1993 *Amateur Radio*.

Commonwealth Contest (BERU)

CW only: 1200z Sat to 1200z Sun, 11-12 March

This annual event is always very popular in this part of the world. It runs each year on the second full weekend in March, and its purpose is to promote contacts between stations in the British Commonwealth and Mandated Territories. Categories are single operator, single and multiband; and receiving. The use of spotting nets, packet clusters, etc is precluded. Contacts may be made with any station using a British Commonwealth prefix, except those within the entrant's own call area. Bands are 80-10 m, using the bottom 30 kHz of each band, except when contacting novice stations above 21030 and 28030 kHz.

Exchange RST and serial number commencing with 001. Score five points per QSO, with a bonus of 20 points for each of the first three QSOs with each Commonwealth call area on each band (note that, for the purpose of this contest, the entire UK area counts as one call area).

Several "headquarters" stations will be active during the contest, and will send "HQ" after their serial number to identify themselves. Each HQ station counts as an additional call area, and therefore attracts the 20 point bonus. Entrants may

contact their own HQ station for points and bonuses.

Show duplicate contacts in the log with zero points. Entrants making more than 80 QSOs should include a sorted alphabetical list of the callsigns appearing in the log, together with either the serial number sent or the time of contact beside the callsign. Separate logs and lists of bonuses claimed are required for each band. Single-band entrants should claim points for contacts on the selected band,

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but should also submit details of QSOs made on other bands for adjudication purposes.

Include a cover sheet showing standard details, and send the log postmarked by 10 April to RSGB HF Contests Committee, c/o S Knowles G3UFY, 77 Bensham Manor Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, CR7 7AF, England. Airmail is advised, as late logs may be treated as check logs. The Senior and Junior Rose Bowls will be awarded to the overall leader and runner-up respectively, and Certificates of Merit to the leading stations in each category and call area on each band.

The following call areas are recognised for the purpose of scoring in the 1995 Commonwealth Contest:

A2, A3, AP, C2, C5, C6, CY9, CY0, G/GB/GD/GI/GJ/GM/GU/GW (all one area), H4, J3, J6, J7, J8, P2, S2, S7, T2, T30, T31, T32, T33, V2, V3, V4, V5, V8, VE1, VE2, VE3, VE4, VE5, VE6, VE7, VE8, VK1, VK2, VK3, VK4, VK5, VK6, VK7, VK8, VK9C, VK9L, VK9M, VK9N, VK9W, VK9X, VK0 (Heard Isl), VK0 (Macquarie Isl), VK0 (Antarctica), VO1, VO2, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8 (Falkland Isl), VP8 (S Georgia), VP8 (S Sandwich Isl), VP8 (S Shetland Isl), VP8 (S Orkney Isl), VP8 (Antarctica), VP9, VQ9, VR6, VS6/VR2 (Hong Kong), VU, VU4 (Andaman & Nicobar Isl), VU7, VY1, YJ, Z2, ZB2, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZK1 (N Cook Isl), ZK1 (S Cook Isl), ZK2, ZK3, ZL0 or ZL (NZ reciprocal calls), ZL1, ZL2, ZL3, ZL4, ZL5, ZL7, ZL8, ZL9, 3B6/7, 3B8, 3B9, 3DA, 4S, 5B4, 5H, 5N, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9L, 9M2, 9M6/8, 9M0, 9V, 9Y, GB5CC (RSGB HQ station), various other HQ stations.

BARTG RTTY Contest

0200z Sat to 0200z Sun, 18-19 March
(See February 1994 *Amateur Radio* for rules).

CQ WPX Contest

SSB: 0000z Sat to 2400z Sun, 25-26 March

CW: 0000z Sat to 2400z Sun, 27-28 May

This contest is sponsored by CQ Magazine, and the objective is to contact as many stations worldwide as possible on 1.8-30 MHz (except 10, 18 & 24 MHz). Categories include: single operator (either single or all band), subdivided according to power (unrestricted, low power max 100 W O/P, and QRPp max 5 W O/P); and multioperator (either single or multitransmitter, all band only). Single operator stations are where one person performs all operating, logging, and spotting functions. The use of DX spotting nets places the station in the multioperator single transmitter category. Multi-multi stations must have all

transmitters located within a 500 m diameter circle or within the property limits of the licensee's address, whichever is greater. All antennas must be physically connected by wires to the station transmitters and receivers.

Exchange RS(T) plus a three digit number starting at 001. Continue to four digits if past 1000. Multitransmitter stations must use separate numbers for each band. Score 3 points (14-30 MHz) or 6 points (1.8-7 MHz) for contacts with stations on different WAC continents, and 1 point (14-30 MHz) or 2 points (1.8-7 MHz) for contacts with stations within the same WAC boundary. Contacts with stations in the same country are permitted for multiplier credit but have zero point value.

The multiplier is the total number of prefixes worked on all bands (each prefix is counted only once regardless of the number of different bands on which it is worked). A "prefix" is the unique letter/numeral combination forming either the first part of the callsign, or else the normal country identifier for stations using their home callsigns in another DXCC country. For example: N8, W8, AG8, Y22, Y23, HG7, HG73 are all separate prefixes. The prefix for both N8ABC/KH9 and KH9/N8ABC is KH9. KH6XXX operating from Ohio could sign /W8, /N8, /K8, or any other prefix authorised for that district. Portable designators without numbers will be assigned zero after the letter prefix, eg N8ABC/PA becomes N8ABC/PA0. Any calls without numbers will be assigned a zero after the first two letters, eg RAEM becomes RA0EM. Suffixes indicating maritime mobile, mobile, portable, alternate location, and licence class do not count as prefixes (eg /MM, /M, /P, /A, /E, /J). The final score is QSO points x multiplier.

Logs must show times in GMT, with breaks clearly marked. Show prefix multipliers only the first time they are worked. Logs must be checked for duplicates, correct points, and prefix multipliers. Logs must be accompanied by a sorted alphanumeric list of prefix multipliers, and a summary sheet showing call, name, address, category, power, scoring information, and a signed declaration that all contest rules and radio regulations were observed. Logs may also be submitted on 3-1/2" or 5-1/4" DOS disk in ASCII format (.BIN, .RES, .DBF, .WKS also acceptable), providing a sorted multiplier file and a paper summary sheet are included. Send logs postmarked by 8 May (SSB) or 7 July (CW) to WPX Contest, 76 N. Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801, USA. Indicate SSB or CW on envelope.

A comprehensive range of trophies and plaques is offered, and certificates will be

awarded to the highest scoring station in each category, country and VK call area. To be eligible for awards, single operator stations must show at least 12 hours operation, and multioperator at least 24 hours operation. Single band entries showing points claimed for more than one band will be judged as multiband unless otherwise specified. Where returns justify second and third place awards will also be made.

1995 John Moyle Contest

Presented by Phil VK1PJ

Well, once again those who enjoy a weekend in the bush should be planning for the John Moyle Field Day. The rules remain the same as last year, except for the finishing time which has been brought forward to give entrants the chance to pack up and return home at a respectable hour. Since most activity has usually all but disappeared by Sunday afternoon, the effect on scores should be minimal.

I hope to be on air the weekend prior to the contest, family and work commitments permitting, to help anyone with rule interpretations etc. My planned schedule is 14.275 MHz at 1200 EST and 3.570 MHz 2030 EST (approx) on Sunday, 12 March. For those without HF callsigns, perhaps you can join one of the nets as a second operator. If anyone wishes to contact me privately, my home phone number is 06 292 3260, and my address is shown in the Log Submission section below. Best of luck and see you on air, hopefully as one of the operators of VK1DX (Canberra DX Group)!

Overview

1. The aim is to encourage and provide familiarisation with portable operation, and provide training for emergency situations. The rules are therefore designed to encourage field operation.

2. The contest takes place on the third weekend in March each year, and this year (1995) runs from 0100 UTC Saturday to 0059 UTC Sunday, 18-19 March.

3. The contest is open to all VK, ZL and P2 stations. Other stations are welcome to participate, but can only claim points for contacts with VK, ZL and P2 stations.

4. Entries shall consist of one choice from each of the following (eg 6 hour, portable, single operator, phone, VHF/UHF):

- a. 24 or 6 hour;
- b. Portable, Home, or Receive;
- c. Single or Multiple operator;
- d. Phone, CW, or Open mode;
- e. HF, VHF/UHF, or All Band.

Scoring

5. Home stations for all sections shall score:

- a. Two points per QSO with each portable station;

b. One point per QSO with other home stations.

6. Portable HF stations shall score two points per QSO.

7. Portable stations shall score the following on 6 m:

- a. 0-49 km, two points per QSO;
- b. 50-99 km, ten points per QSO;
- c. 100-149 km 20 points per QSO;
- d. 150-199 km 30 points per QSO;
- e. 200-499 km 50 points per QSO;
- f. 500 km and greater, two points per QSO.

8. Portable stations shall score the following on 144 MHz and higher:

- a. 0 to 49 km, two points per QSO;
- b. 50 to 99 km, ten points per QSO;
- c. 100 to 149 km, 20 points per QSO;
- d. 150 km and greater, 30 points per QSO.

9. For each VHF/UHF QSO where more than two points is claimed, either the latitude and longitude of the station contacted, or other satisfactory proof of distance, must be supplied.

Log Submission

10. Logs must be accompanied by a summary sheet showing: callsign, name, mailing address, section entered, number of contacts, claimed score, location of the station during the contest, and equipment used. For multioperator stations, the callsigns and signatures of all operators should be included. If any VHF/UHF QSOs have been made which qualify for more than 2 points, the latitude and longitude of the station during the contest must be included.

11. The summary sheet must include the following declaration signed by the operator, or in the case of a multiple operator station, one of the licensed station operators: *"I hereby declare that this station was operated in accordance with the rules and spirit of the contest"*.

12. Logs must be postmarked no later than 28 April 1994, and forwarded to John Moyle Contest Manager, 33 Willoughby Cres, Gilmore, ACT 2905, Australia. An ASCII text copy on a MS-DOS floppy disk would be most helpful, with the following alternative data formats also acceptable: Wordstar, Word 5, WordPerfect, dBase 3 & 4, Lotus 123.

Certificates and Trophy

13. At the discretion of the Contest Manager, certificates will be awarded to the winners of each portable section. Note that entrants in a 24 hour section are ineligible for awards in a six hour section.

14. The Australian station with the highest CW score will be awarded the President's Cup, a perpetual trophy held at the Federal Office, and will receive an individually inscribed wall plaque as permanent recognition.

Disqualification

15. General WIA contest disqualification criteria, as published in *Amateur Radio* from time to time, applies to entries in this contest. Logs which are illegible or excessively untidy are also liable to be disqualified.

Definitions

16. A portable station comprises field equipment operating from a power source independent of any permanent facilities, eg batteries, portable generator, solar power, wind power.

17. All equipment comprising the portable station must be located within an 800 m diameter circle.

18. A single operator station is where one person performs all operating, logging, and spotting functions.

19. A single operator may only use a callsign of which he/she is the official holder. A single operator may not use a callsign belonging to any group, club or organisation for which he/she is a sponsor except as part of a multioperator entry.

20. A multioperator station is where more than one person operates, checks for duplicates, keeps the log, performs spotting, etc.

21. A multioperator station may use only one callsign during the contest.

22. Multiple operator stations may only use one transmitter on a given band at any one time, regardless of the mode in use.

23. Multiple operator stations must use a separate log for each band.

24. A station operated by a club, group, or organisation will be considered to be multioperator by default.

25. None of the portable field equipment may be erected on the site earlier than 24 hours before the beginning of the contest.

26. Single operator stations may receive moderate assistance prior to and during the contest, except for operating, logging and spotting. The practice of clubs or groups providing massive logistic support to a single operator is, however, totally against the spirit of the contest. Offenders will be disqualified and, at the discretion of the manager, may be banned from further participation in the contest for a period of up to three years.

27. Phone includes SSB, AM and FM.

28. CW includes CW, RTTY, and packet.

29. It is not expected that any other modes will be used in the contest, but if they are, they shall be classed as CW.

30. All amateur bands may be used except 10, 18 and 24 MHz. VHF/UHF means all amateur bands above 30 MHz.

31. Cross-band, cross-mode and contacts made via repeaters are not

permitted for contest credit. However, repeaters may be used to arrange a contact on another frequency where a repeater is not used for the contact.

32. Portable stations may make repeat contacts and claim the appropriate points providing that at least three hours have elapsed since the previous valid contact with that station on the same band and mode.

33. Home stations may not claim points for repeat contacts.

34. Stations must exchange ciphers comprising RS(T) plus a three digit number commencing at 001 and incrementing by one for each contact.

35. Portable stations shall add the letter "P" to their own cipher, eg 59001P.

36. Multiple operator stations are to commence each band with 001.

37. Receiving stations must record the ciphers sent by both stations being logged. QSO points will be on the same basis as for Home Stations, unless the receiving station is portable.

38. The practice of commencing operation and later selecting the most profitable operational period within the allocated contest times is not in the spirit of the contest, and shall result in disqualification. The period of operation commences with the first contact on any band or mode, and finishes either 6 or 24 hours later.

73, Phil VK1PJ

Results of 1994 Commonwealth Contest

Presented by John VK3ZC

Every 11 years or so, as we approach the minimum on the sunspot graph, the number of entries submitted in the BERU seems to follow a similar path. However, in 1994 the number of entries took a real dive, totalling only 67 multiband and 24 single band, the lowest since 1974.

Conditions were terrible, both locally and worldwide and, with bad QRN during the last few hours, many operators gave up and went QRT without further thought of sending in a log; what a pity! Nevertheless, there were 22 VK entries, (17 multiband and 5 single banders), and about half a dozen ZLs were active, although only two logs made it to the UK.

Bob Whelan G3PJT/V9P was the outright leader with 5587 points, 2288 less than the 1993 top score, and Barry Simpson VK2BJ achieved 4590 points, 2205 lower than his score last year. Special thanks to Tino Pavic VK3EGN who, as VK3WIA, provided a welcome HQ bonus prefix in this part of the world.

RSGB Summary (by G2HLU)

Conditions did not favour our flagship contest this year, especially on 21 and 28 MHz. This is reflected in the scores, which

are down considerably on the last few years. Not unexpectedly, those with good antennas did best. However, there were some notable absentees, particularly ZL3GQ, G3MXJ and VE7CC.

Even so, about 640 stations participated, with the following Commonwealth call areas active: C5, C6, G, GB (HQ), GD, GI, GM, GW, V3, V8, VE1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9 VE3 (HQ), VK1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9, VK3 (HQ), VO1, VP2, VP5, VQ9, VR2/VS6, VU, Z2, ZB2, ZC4, ZD8, ZF2, ZL1,2,3,4, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA0, 5B4, 5W, 5Z, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9H, 9J and 9V.

The winner of the 1994 BERU Rose Bowl is Bob Whelan G3PJT/VP9, no stranger to success in BERU both from home and abroad. He used 250 W from a TS930 and TS940, and a range of beams. Tim G4VXE, in his first competitive entry in this contest, operated VE3EJ, a station well known at the top of the list, to take second place. Ex-G3PEK evidently finds Australia suits him and, as VK2BJ, moves up a place or two each year: he came third this time and clearly the leaders must watch him! He used only 100 W from a TS930S, with a Cushcraft A4S at 45 ft, and a pair of two half-wave in phase antennas on 7 MHz, also used as doublets on 3.5 MHz. Also very worthy of note is VK3FC who gained 27th place at the age of 90. He was first licensed in 1928.

After his success on 21 MHz in 1992, Bob Whelan G3PJT has donated a series of awards in the form of medals. The Commonwealth Medal will be awarded each year to the individual who is considered to have most improved his performance in BERU, and the HF Contests Committee is very pleased to be able to award the first medal to Tom Dowling VK4OD.

The re-admission of South Africa to the Commonwealth will bring an interesting new dimension to the 1995 event, including more potential bonuses. Finally, perhaps some of those who were only able to be active on a single band can rejoin the multi-band entrants in the next BERU, and help to support RSGB's oldest contest through its sixth sunspot minima.

Some comments received with logs:

"Great contest — polite, gentlemanly — a pleasure!" V85KX; "Conditions mainly rotten ... but great fun" VK6AJ; "Definitely the worst conditions I have experienced. Fancy only one G on 20 m and no VEs!" VK4OD; "The less said about conditions, the better!" G3NKS; "Antenna a bit of wire about 15 inches above the tiles — no masts are permitted" VK3XB; "Hard work this year. Very poor conditions" G4BUO; "Condx lousy, but good fun as always. Even if you banned the term BERU I'm

sure most of us would still use it" ZL1MH; "Nearly got WAC in one go" G3DOT (4 W QRP!); "Nice to greet some of the OTs who seem to show only during BERU" VE3ST;

"A bit like pulling teeth" G0LII; "At least I got some good DX!!!" G3ZGC; "Next year I'll try and be in Antigua for the contest" G6QQ

Top Ten

Posn	Callsign	80	40	20	15	10	Total
1	G3PJT/VP9	719	1468	2623	627	150	5587
2	VE3EJ	692	1796	2024	544	98	5154
3 *	VK2BJ	707	1538	1990	355		4590
4	6Y5HN	473	1447	1822	447	130	4319
5	GW3YDX	475	1227	1392	325	40	3469
6	G4BUO	403	1036	1434	350	75	3298
7 *	VK4XA	480	953	1460	200	123	3216
8	ZL1MH	225	1104	1222	283	183	3017
9	G3OZF	255	849	1153	248	75	2580
10	G3TBK	223	685	1291	298	48	2545

Australian Scores

Multi-band (* Certificate winners)

3	VK2BJ	707	1538	1990	355		4590
7	VK4XA	480	953	1460	200	123	3216
12 *	VK5BN	480	702	792	200		2174
17	VK5GZ	387	495	939	25		1846
18	VK4XW	460	603	705	75		1843
19	VK4EMM	375	922	513			1810
21 *	VK3ZC	515	847	350			1712
23	VK4OD	429	564	564	123	25	1705
24 *	VK6HQ		615	1034	50		1699
25	VK2DID	313	540	622			1475
27	VK3FC	387	600	392			1379
37	VK5RG	303	513	225			1041
39	VK3XB	248	372	305	25		950
50	VK3DDX	175	197	355			727
54	VK5HO	227	250	120	25		622
60	VK2NV		205	318			523
67	VK3KS		50	98			148
--	VK3WIA (Check Log)						

Single-Band

7 MHz							
1 *	VK2APK	1505					
4	VK7RO	628					
14 MHz							
4	VK4TT	916					
5	VK6AJ	877					
6	VK2ETM	868					
7	VK5AGX	777					
11	VK3JI	473					

New Zealand Scores

8	ZL1MH	225	1104	1222	283	183	3017
20	ZL1HV	280	590	700	100	50	1720

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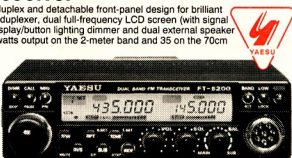
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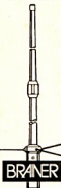
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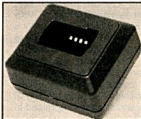
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Results of 1994 RD Contest: VK3 Wins Again!

Presented by Alek VK6APK

The 1994 RD Contest has again been won by the VK3 Division. Through a combination of heavy publicity and the generation of a healthy "Team Spirit" within that division, the Victorians have retained the title for another year. Runners up were VK6.

The results contain some tremendous individual efforts. At least one log was sent in by a 15 year old, and there seemed to be a good representation from the other end of the age spectrum as well, judging from the log sheets with the words "Postmaster General's Department" printed across the top!

I think a couple of gentlemen deserve special recognition for the amazing scores they attained in the contest. They are Ray Cowling VK3ACR, who amassed a total of 1037 points in the VHF Phone and CW sections, and Chris Edmondson VK3CE/YID who scored a total of 971 points in the VHF Phone section. Well done, we salute you!

Whilst speaking about VHF operation, both VK3 and VK6 scored the vast majority of their points in this section. VK5 had some activity, but the other divisions didn't seem to realise their opportunity to make good scores here. Is the reason geographical, or haven't you others thought of using those bands yet?

It was great to receive the many letters which accompanied the entries. Many of the questions and suggestions raised in

some of these letters should be quite seriously considered for future contests. Perhaps there will be space to print some of them for debate and consideration through the WIA and the pages of this magazine.

I believe it is time to implement some changes to encourage a growth in participation, rather than the dwindling interest which is now evident. For example, in 1974 the participation rate (Logs/Licensees) was 11.4% nationally.

By 1984 it was down to just 3.95%, and 1994 saw a further fall to 2.64%. What will it be in the year 2004? Give it some serious thought and help us do something to reverse this trend.

Once again, congratulations to all who took part in RD '94, and especially to VK3 Division. You are all helping to maintain the spirit of this great contest, and thus doing something positive towards the improvement of amateur radio. See you again in 1995!

Table 1: 1994 Divisional Results

Final Score = No. Logs/No. Lic. x Total Points x WF

1st:	VK3	212/4882	x	20395	x	3.51	=	3106.85
2nd:	VK6	143/1699	x	12438	x	1.56	=	1633.76
3rd:	VK2	35/5368	x	3885	x	11.79	=	297.73
4th:	VK5	39/1810	x	4126	x	3.26	=	289.19
5th:	VK7	24/660	x	1738	x	2.77	=	175.24
6th:	VK4	24/3385	x	1908	x	9.62	=	130.32
7th:	VK1	10/465	x	388	x	2.99	=	24.94
8th:	VK8	2/239	x	56	x	20.46	=	9.62

Table 2: Weighting Factors 1991-1994

Division	1991	1992	1993	1994	Average
VK1	1.00	1.00	1.16	8.78	2.99
VK2	7.29	21.45	8.26	10.15	11.79
VK3	2.88	7.30	2.11	1.75	3.51
VK4	4.08	14.57	6.84	12.79	9.62
VK5	1.83	5.53	2.46	3.22	3.26
VK6	1.26	2.96	1.00	1.00	1.56
VK7	1.92	4.56	1.81	2.78	2.77
VK8	9.72	N/A	N/A	31.14	20.46

Individual Scores		VHF/CW		HF/CW		TRE		JKW	
VK1		Nil Entries		CW		265		134	
(Total = 388 pts)		HF/Phone		63*		JKX		KKJ	
* Denotes Certificate		BUV		60		CRA		YPY	
Winner		449*		DID		40		GHA	
VHF/Phone		CAA		RJ		28		JK	
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FF		396		EII		10		DYL	
CUB		207		Individual Scores		EWM		222	
ED		206		VK3		BNW		218	
VHF/CW		173		(Total = 20395 pts)		TB		213	
FF		173		VHF/Phone		XV		205	
HF/Phone		131		ACR		QI		203	
KLB		125		ZNF		AQ		194	
RN		103		ALM		URH		191	
HF/CW		102		AYF		ZUG		190	
FF		90		CE		CAP		189	
RN		66		ZJF		AUI		180	
Individual Scores		65		YID		BOP		180	
VK2		57		ABO		DUQ		179	
(Total = 3885 pts)		53		BGS		EFP		179	
VHF/Phone		53		EO		WEG		177	
BDT		35		ER		ZNE		176	
ANK		31		XXX		ZWI		173	
AIJ		15		JUD		VCF		154	
EY		11		DDU		CKK		152	
		10		KWA		VKV		138	
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DG	57	CRA	102	HF/CW		ATU	369	KG	120	
HG	57	LAW	100	FC	79*	TTY	233	APK	117	
XLC	56	AU	80	DG	47	PMC	132	ZDJ	114	
HY	51	ADW	76	AIC	39	BWH	128	NT	106	
PC	51	LK	74	XB	37	UE	116	VHF	105	
AGH	50	ATJ	73	BBN	33	GZ	114	YJ	100	
JWL	50	GHZ	66	DDX	33	NOS	102	FC	97	
UX	50	SM	64	APN	32	PSG	102	RO	89	
BII	49	DVT	62	KS	27	CJP	90	UA	86	
PTR	49	DET	61	AMD	21	UW	75	UV	85	
XLD	48	BMK	60	ZC	20	PF	73	AHH	75	
JTW	47	AAM	57	JI	15	3WT/5	72	XH	75	
WI	47	ACT	56	WEG	10	ZQ	70	YBQ	72	
XPD	46	CIM	55	HY	7	RV	68	IW	66	
COD	44	DQW	54	DNG	6	ANB	65	QC	64	
DEV	41	EX	53	NMK	5	WO	54	ZPP	64	
DD	37	BG	52	Individual Scores					NF	53
YZR	35	ACR	51	VK4		RFK	40	SMH	63	
XB	34	ENX	51	(Total = 1908 pts)		BVJ	37	SAR	59	
XJU	34	AMW	50	VHF/Phone,		AKQ	35	HK	56	
TFE	33	AYQ	50	VHF/CW		TW	25	TX	56	
EKF	32	JQ	50	Nil Entries		BCD	18	CSW	55	
XH	32	EAT	45	HF/Phone		3OM/5	11	KHD	50	
DCP	30	1WD/3	43	BB	400*	PJR	9	APW	48	
GMZ	30	JJM	38	BAY	189	3ABP/5	4	YF	48	
PQ	30	MSL	35	DO	163	HF/CW		TS	43	
BBA	29	DEV	34	BGC	141	AGX	88*	PO	42	
DTR	28	DY	33	NBC	111	GZ	68	OE	41	
ZS	26	ZT	33	BSH	85	PF	27	AUZ	37	
BTW	24	DYF	32	IS	76	BRC	26	BC	37	
VKC	24	MDH	32	GZ	69	TL	16	MCB	36	
LBA	22	VKW	32	PJ	60	Individual Scores				
BLE	21	BC	31	WRM	53	VK6		ADF	30	
DET	20	ALM	28	ACW	50	(Total = 12438 pts)		WT	28	
ZPP	20	LBA	28	BIF	48	VHF/Phone		IV	27	
CCB	19	EWM	26	BBA	41	KS	598*	CV	25	
BSP	18	JKA	25	DM	38	BDJ	370	UT	25	
GOD	18	KAV	25	BTS	27	ANC	338	FRE	21	
JI	18	AUI	22	OD	22	VP	314	MAP	21	
KS	17	WEG	22	OX	19	AD	308	AO	20	
BTW	15	DNG	21	FK	11	XV	279	PFI	20	
ZJH	15	NC	21	WJG	10	RR	273	SM	20	
XMP	14	PTR	21	HF/CW		THB	273	EB	19	
EAT	13	DCP	20	LV	104*	SAA	272	RU	19	
ALR	12	LP	20	XA	79	PDR	271	VZ	17	
AHY	11	DD	19	GD	62	RG	262	DC	11	
EZM	11	EZM	18	OD	40	SAF	227	RZ	10	
JAZ	11	KKJ	18	COZ	10	JP	245	ABL	1	
KME	11	ALD	17	Individual Scores					VHF/CW	
GUS	10	BMU	17	VK5		BWI	236	KS	16*	
TTX	10	BSP	17	(Total = 4126 pts)		XPS	229	ABL	2	
NMK	5	JI	16	VHF/Phone		KTN	221	HF/Phone		
YTT	5	AGJ	15	TTY	400*	TKR	212	SZ	447*	
		DG	14	BRC	345	AR	201	9XZ	218	
VHF/CW		ATN	13	ZBK	297	GGD	177	CSW	156	
ACR	71*	NPY	13	THA	113	GGA	157	VZ	151	
KKJ	6	VCF	13	BW	85	MIN	147	RG	144	
HF/Phone		EWD	12	AVQ	16	FS	143	GW	138	
APC	281*	ALR	11	BCD	16	TNT	132	KG	107	
DDX	195	BCZ	11	PJR	16	RRG	131	JP	104	
AHY	188	BLE	11	DH	10	FJA	127	AR	100	
CX	151	EKF	11	HF/CW		HU	127	SMH	96	
AEO	135	ER	11	Nil Entries		SAN	127	APK	82	
RC	114	CAM	10	HF/Phone		BY	124	RR	77	
GH	112	HY	5	BRC	508*	GSB	122	WC	76	
CCB	106	VKV	2			WCC	122	AI	74	
						DUN	120	GGA	50	
								AFW	45	

ATS	43	3OM/6	14	JB	18	YW	63	HF/Phone	
WU	41	FRE	13	AJ	16	TJ	42	CR	26*
DE	40	SAF	13	WT	16	JP	41	HF/CW	
GL	36	AO	12	FK	14	BM	20	XJ	30*
SAR	33	HU	11	GA	10	PP	17		
AN	30	OV	11	Individual Scores					
OE	30	ABL	10	VK7					
OR	30	CV	10	(Total = 1738 pts)					
UW	30	GT	10	VHF/Phone					
RU	27	RZ	10	KZ	10*	1HK/7	15	Overseas Entries	
MM	25	SAN	9	RY	4	JK	13	P20VH	303*
TS	25	MJC	7	VHF/CW					
XA	22	FK	6	Nil Entries					
APW	20	IW	4	HF/Phone					
YJ	20	NQK	4	KZ	323*	RM	12	ZL3TX	271
NKB	19	MAP	4	CK	258	SN	12	ZL1BGT	190
3ABP/6	16	HF/CW		KC	254	CHT	10	ZL1AGO	93
DA	15	HQ	115*	NDO	136	HF/CW			
KH	14	AFW	70	OTC	114	VK	52*	Short Wave Listeners	
PO	14	GW	38	HJ	113	GW	45	HF	
YF	14	IV	26	MSM	92	TJ	10	Peter Kenyon	276
WT	14	ABL	22	NRR	64	Individual Scores			
						VK8			
						(Total = 56 pts)			
						VHF/Phone,			
						VHF/CW			
						Nil Entries			
						Timothy Lewis			
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Divisional Notes

Forward Bias — VK1 News

Rob Apathy VK1KRA

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in February (third Monday) and we should like to see everybody attend this important event. Our treasurer, Don Hume, is retiring and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Don for the excellent work he has done. He is one of the best treasurers that I had the pleasure to work with. We should be able to hear Don on air more often now that he no longer has to keep us in line.

While we are on financial matters, I am pleased to report that we finished the year in the black, but only just. At one stage it looked like we would close the year with a nice surplus but it was not to be. Just before Christmas, "person or persons unknown" broke into our repeater hut on Mt Ginini. While nothing inside the hut was damaged or taken, the security door repairs and necessary improvements cost over \$600. So much for our surplus!

For a number of years now we have finished the year very close to zero balance. The current committee has decided that we cannot continue to take risks of running short of funds, so, the bad news is that membership fees will have to go up by \$5.00 next year and this proposal will be put to members in February. The good news is that the Federal component will be reduced by the same amount which means no change to our members.

We have experienced some problems

with our Ginini repeater this year but I hope that by the time you read this, the problems have been fixed. Simply put, our voice repeater does not like being in close proximity to the packet repeater. The repeater group is working on the problem and service should return to normal very soon.

As far as I know, all the members of the committee have made themselves available again in 1995 but that should not deter anyone from nominating for any of the positions. I would like to thank the committee for the work they have done in 1994 and all our members for the tremendous support we have enjoyed in the last twelve months.

VK6 Notes

Peter Parker VK6BW1

Division Ends Year With Barbecue

The VK6 Division held a barbecue for its members at Wireless Hill on 18 December. Those who attended enjoyed themselves and Bruce VK6ABR, the Divisional Bookshop Officer, sold several 1995 Call Books. If you would like one, see Bruce at the February WIA meeting at the Westrail Centre in East Perth. Be there at 7 pm on Tuesday, 21 February. You pay only \$11.00 for 18,000 plus callsigns and a revised information section. As about 15% of the population move house in a given year, and amateurs upgrade their callsigns, you need this book to keep

abreast with your hobby. In addition, if you're travelling interstate, you will find the list of VHF/UHF repeaters handy.

Digital Barbecue Well Attended

About 30 members of the WA Amateur Digital Communications Association enjoyed an early morning breakfast barbecue at Wireless Hill on 11 December. Clearly the 6.30 am start did not deter many, and weather conditions were perfect.

Rockingham Geraldton Spanned on 10 GHz

VK6 10 GHz enthusiasts are claiming a new distance record on the 3 cm band. On 29 November, Neil VK6BHT at Geraldton and Wal VK6KZ at Rockingham made an epic 400 km SSB contact using equipment they had built themselves. Earlier that evening the 377 km Geraldton to Fremantle path had been bridged, but the distance was extended when Wal moved his portable station to Rockingham. The contact was repeated the following evening at reduced signal strength. Those who attended the Hamfest might have seen Neil's homebrew 10 GHz SSB transceiver at the Homebrew Equipment Competition. See Eric Jamieson's *VHF/UHF — An Expanding World* column elsewhere in this issue for more details of this great achievement.

Television News

Those interested in fast scan ATV are invited to join the Perth ATV Group. The aim of this small but enthusiastic group is to promote ATV activity in Western Australia. ATVers monitor 145.500 MHz

and hold a net on repeater 6750 at 8.00 pm every Wednesday. Those experimenting with transmitting or receiving amateur television will be made especially welcome. Meetings are held monthly at 7.30 pm on the third Monday of the month. The venue is the Media Centre in the Churchlands campus of Edith Cowan University. The group's main project is the construction of a 70/23 cm AM/FM ATV repeater for the Perth area. Steady progress is being made on this ambitious task.

Working on another ATV repeater are members of the Northern Corridor Radio Group. The repeater receives signals on 444.250 MHz and transmits on 579.250 MHz (UHF channel 35). It is proposed that the repeater will be sited at Walliston and its completion is expected later this year.

Turning to a different form of image transmission, there is some local slow scan TV activity on both HF and VHF. Perth slow scan enthusiasts swap pictures every Thursday evening at 7.30 pm on repeater 6800. A two metre receiver, simple modem and computer with a VGA monitor will receive the images. JV Fax version 7 shareware is normally used.

VK6s Urged to Use Ten Metres

West Australian amateurs are invited to join one of the local Sunday nets on 28.560 MHz to help populate our largest HF band. The morning net starts just after the WA Divisional Broadcast at 0210 UTC (10.10 am local), while the afternoon session begins at 0830 UTC (4.30 pm local). An initiative of the Perth (Twenty Eight) Chapter of Ten-Ten International, the net sometimes attracts interstate and DX operators when conditions are favourable. Ten-Ten International aims to promote an appreciation of our 28 MHz band. The Perth Chapter was started many years ago by Dave VK6ATE. Check in to the Ten-Ten net for details of their comprehensive awards program for 10 metre operators.

Correction

The list of office bearers of the WA Amateur Digital Communications Association, published on page 73 of the December 1994 issue of *Amateur Radio* contains some errors. The Association's treasurer is Bruce VK6ABR, and Rob VK6THB occupies the position of secretary. Clem VK6CW is no longer the broadcast officer. Apologies to all concerned.

Stop Press — 10 GHz Contact Extended to 545 km!

News has just been received from VK6KZ of a successful 10 GHz contact with VK6BHT at Geraldton. This time Wal was operating from Busselton. The over

water contact highlights the advantages of Western Australia's concave coastline between Steep Point and Cape Naturaliste, with its long over water paths ideal for extended distance VHF/UHF propagation.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Cliff Bastin VK6LZ, President of the VK6 Division, hereby notifies that the Annual General Meeting of the West Australian Division of the Wireless Institute of Australia will be held on 18 April 1995 following the General Meeting which commences at 8 pm. The meeting will be held at the Westrail Centre, East Perth.

Agenda

1. Consideration of the council's annual report
2. Consideration of the financial report
3. Consideration of other reports
4. Election of office bearers, viz president and vice-president of the Division and seven other councillors
5. Election of two auditors
6. Appointment of a patron
7. General business which has been duly notified.

Notice of Motion for the AGM must be received by the secretary not less than 42 days prior to the meeting and must be signed by at least three members.

Nominations of a candidate for election to council must be received by the secretary in writing not less than 42 days prior to the meeting, with an intimation that such candidates are willing to act. A candidate may submit a statement not exceeding 200 words outlining his or her case for election, and experience. Each nomination shall be signed by two members proposing the candidate. Candidates must possess a current amateur licence.

Proxies

Any financial member entitled to vote may appoint a proxy, who must also be a financial member entitled to vote, to speak and vote on his/her behalf. Each such proxy must be in the hands of the secretary prior to the meeting and be in the following form: I....., a member of the Institute, hereby appoint..... also a member of the Institute, to act for me as my proxy, and in my name to do all things which I myself being present could do at the meeting of the Institute held on Signed:

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"QRM" — News From the Tasmanian Division

Robin L. Harwood VK7RH

This month sees plenty of activity resume within VK7 after the holiday break. On the weekend of the 4th & 5th there will be another WICEN exercise associated with the "Rally Tasmania event" which will be held around NW Tasmania. As the WICEN resources will be stretched to the limit, operators from other parts of the state have been requested to assist. VK7PU is co-ordinating this event in co-operation with the State Co-ordinator, Tony Bedelph VK7AX.

This event is a prelude to the much bigger "Targa Tasmania" rally which will be held in late April and is staged over five days in all regions of Tasmania. So this mini-event will be a trial run not only for WICEN but also for the rally and other emergency services for the "Targa". For further details on the "Rally Tasmania" WICEN exercise, contact VK7PU @ VK7AX BBS.

In a recent "QRM" I mentioned that a new repeater would be operational in NE Tasmania soon. Well, VK7RNE, located at Tower Hill near Fingal commenced operation on Christmas Eve on 146.725 MHz with negative offset. Preliminary reports indicate that it has a good coverage of NE Tasmania, especially in areas not covered from VK7REC further down at Cranbrook. However, VK7RNE does not service Launceston and the Tamar Valley as coverage is blocked by Ben Lomond at 5,000 feet. VK7REC does, however, cover Launceston on 146.900 MHz, also with negative offset.

While VK7RNE burst into life the Mount Barrow repeater died. Signals on VK7RAA on 147.000 MHz for the

Christmas Day VK7WI weekly broadcast were well down, which meant that VK7JG and VK7PF had to journey to the top of the Mountain on Boxing Day to re-erect the antennas. Now, Tasmania's first operational repeater is back to its old self with an excellent coverage of the northern half of the State. Thanks Joe and Peter!

Noted that the weekly gatherings at the Domain Activity Centre continued without a beat during January and attendances were well up including a number of visitors from interstate and overseas. Just a reminder that the time is Wednesdays from 12 noon to 5 pm. You will be most welcome.

On 13 December last year, I attended the Northwestern Annual Dinner, which was held at a well-known Ulverstone restaurant. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Joan Fudge Memorial Award. The recipient in 1994 was Phil Harbeck VK7PU, who currently is the Divisional Treasurer besides being NW WICEN Officer. One of the attendees was Helen Cunningham, VK7HJ. This attractive 16 year old is the daughter of Kirby VK7KC and Gail VK7NGC. Her brother is Dale VK7XTC. Dale and Helen attend Launceston Church Grammar School. There is yet another daughter, only 10 at present, and the whole family have been working on her to also eventually get her amateur licence. From that you can easily deduce why the VK7 division is working towards a family rate membership! Clarrie Hilder VK7HC, and another VK7 in the south of the state, recently completed a successful two way QSO on only 100 milliwatts. The frequency was 3585 kHz. Now Clarrie is working towards a QRP Devil's Award. Naturally these QRP contacts were on CW.

This month's Branch meetings in

Tasmania will be Annual General Meetings. The Southern Branch AGM will be on 1 February at 8 pm at the Domain Activity Centre and will be followed by the monthly General Meeting. The Northern Branch AGM will be held at the Launceston Institute of TAFE, Alanvale Campus, Block "C" Room 17 at 7.30 pm on 8 February. The monthly General Meeting will follow. The Northwest AGM will be presumably at the Penguin High School on the 14th at 7.45 pm. Incidentally, the Northern and Northwestern Branches will again be getting together at Deloraine on 14 March for a combined meeting.

Well, that concludes the column for this month. Until next time the very best of 73.

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WIA News

US Amateur in Congress

During the recent United States elections, an amateur was elected to the US House of Representatives, Congress.

David Funderbunk K4TPJ, a Republican, represents North Carolina's second district, taking over from a retiring Democratic Party member. The *ARRL Letter* reports that Funderbunk was first licensed at the age of 15. He holds a PhD in history, with expertise in East European and Russian studies and taught at several North Carolina colleges before being appointed in 1986 by President Reagan as US ambassador to Romania.

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Education Notes

Brenda M Edmonds VK3KT* Federal Education Coordinator

Over the last few months I have been exchanging information with the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) on the basis of a letter in one direction or the other each couple of months. A package recently received included a copy of the first "AMRED" magazine, a production of the STELAR Group. "STELAR" stands for "Science and Technology Through Educational Links with Amateur Radio", and "AMRED" for "Amateur Radio in Education".

This magazine, although only about twenty pages, contains much of interest to persons concerned with amateur radio in educational institutions. The back cover lists about seventy schools or universities which were affiliated with STELAR at the date of publication in May 1994. Of them, nearly fifty hold callsigns, and many have BBS identification.

Articles include:-

- a report on a training course to introduce amateur radio to teachers;
- a description of a packet radio set up at one school;
- a long article about the establishment and use of a link from Harrogate Ladies College to the MIR station whilst the first British astronaut was on board (including a trip by the author to Moscow to complete the arrangements);
- information on WeberSat (WO-18) which provides materials for scientific study (eg solar and earth spectra, earth photographs, meteor impact detectors);
- an article on possible uses of amateur radio satellites in education; and
- an explanation of the then relatively new Novice licence.

With an Editorial and a Letters page, you will agree that a lot of interesting information is packed into a small space.

It is very encouraging to see so much activity in the schools and the degree of involvement of the younger generation, and to see this activity supported by the national Society. The RSGB provides an annual award for the Junior Amateur of the Year, and publishes a magazine for Novices.

Obviously, the differences in area and population size between Britain and Australia are some of the factors which account for the differences in recruiting patterns between the two countries. However, from other comments received it is apparent that the deciding factor in the introduction of amateur radio to a school is the drive and enthusiasm of one

or more teachers at that school.

I have asked previously for news of what is happening in Australian schools, but have received little in reply. I am still interested. If there are any members who have the interest and opportunity to set up amateur radio in a school, the same letter from RSGB also included notes on some school activities in America. I am sure the originators of these ideas would

be only too happy for their ideas to be used and perhaps extended by amateurs in Australia. There can be much more to a school amateur radio station than just calling "CQ" and talking.

I know that there are a few amateurs who have developed very effective and ambitious programs within their schools. I would be very pleased to offer these enthusiasts the space in this column to present reports on their activities and achievements. It is a field about which too little is known, and those who are doing this good work deserve the recognition of their peers. *PO Box 445, Blackburn VIC 3130

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FTAC Notes

John Martin VK3KWA, Chairman, Federal Technical Advisory Committee*

More New 10 GHz Records — Including Another World Record

Last month I announced a new world record for an EME contact between VK2ALU and WA7CJO. Since then there have been a number of new state and national records for terrestrial 10 GHz contacts, including a new world record.

The first was a contact between Russell Lemke VK3ZQB at Moonlight Head and Trevor Niven VK5NC at Cape Banks on 11 December 1994. The distance of 267.7 km is a new Victorian 10 GHz record. This was followed by several contacts between VK5NC, VK5NY and VK3ZQB which between them appear to create two more VK3 records, two more VK5 records, and two new national records.

In addition, news has been received of a 10 GHz contact between VK6BHT and VK6KZ. This contact between Perth and Geraldton will be a new VK6 record and also breaks the previous national record. Claims for these contacts have not been received yet so it is not possible to give precise distances.

Finally, VK5NY worked VK6KZ on 30 December 1994. The distance has not been confirmed yet but it appears to be a new world record for terrestrial contacts on 10 GHz. So it appears that Australian amateurs now hold world records for terrestrial and EME operation on 10 GHz.

Congratulations to all those involved in these contacts.

Data Base Update

Some more information just received. Amend your 1995 Call Book.

- Alice Springs ARC has advised that the VK8BRAS beacons are not operating.
- The VK3RXX beacon is now testing on 1296.530 MHz with a vertical antenna.

- The Canberra beacons on 144.410, 432.410 and 1296.410 MHz are back on air from a site east of Michelago, with an elevation of 1400 m. Power is 14 W on 2 metres, 12 W on 432, and 2 W on 1296. All beacons identify with FSK and use crossed dipoles.
- The VK7RNX beacon is now in operation on 432.474 MHz.
- In the repeater list, VK3RGO should be deleted and a new repeater added — VK3RTU at Mt Taylor, near Bairnsdale, on 439.525 MHz. In footnote 2, replace VK3RGO with VK3RTU.

Packet Stations in 80 m CW segment?

A number of amateurs in NSW are concerned about interference to CW contacts from what appears to be a packet net operating around 3520 kHz. The digital segment of 80 metres is 3620-3640 kHz. It would be appreciated if packet operators could keep an eye on 3520 kHz and ask any packet stations there to please avoid interfering with CW stations.

6 Metre DX Window

A submission has been presented to the SMA for an expansion of our 6 metre DX window in the eastern states.

Packet Radio Band Plans

Agreement has been reached on the proposed changes to the packet radio band plan for 2 metres and 70 cm. The main changes are an expansion of the 2 metre packet segment to 145.200 MHz, and frequency pairs for regenerative repeaters on 70 cm. The SMA has agreed to make the full 144.700-145.200 MHz segment available to Novice and Novice Limited stations from the date on which their packet privileges take effect.

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How's DX

Stephen Pall VK2PS*

These lines were written in the last dying days of 1994. One wonders what the New Year will bring? More DX? Better propagation? Unexpected, unpleasant developments in the Australian amateur world?

Yes, the last one is going to happen, unless you — the amateur-voter, the user of the spectrum, as allowed by international treaties (ITU) — do not protest!

Our masters in Canberra, the SMA (Spectrum Management Agency), a federal government administration arm, intends to give you, the user of the spectrum, a nasty new year present. The timing is politically perfect. The news reached us just before Christmas when the average taxpayer-voter is busy with festivities, cricket, sailing, beach, annual holidays and does not want to hear and care about politics.

In the insert to January issue of *Amateur Radio* you can read all the details of the intended increase of amateur licence fees. After you have digested all the gobbledegook (according to the

dictionary this means a language characterised by circumlocution and jargon) it will dawn on you that the Government wants more taxes from a group of 18,000 plus amateur-voters, whose vote in an upcoming election can be totally ignored. You will also note that the Citizens Band (CB) licence in the future will be free. Yes, it will cost nothing! There are hundreds of thousands of CB licences in Australia which represent so many hundreds of thousands of voters. Therefore their vote is important.

I hope that you, the average Australian amateur-voter, also know that in the USA you are given a ten year amateur licence free of charge. Not a dollar is paid for it! All the USA amateurs fit into the same spectrum space, all 660,000 of them, as the 18,000 Australian amateurs.

Please digest and try to understand the meaning of the new concept of "issue/reissue costs". Do you remember when it was said that computers will reduce costs? You must not confuse the Spectrum Maintenance Costs (SMC) with the cost of repairing the plumbing or

roofing or painting of your house. This SMC is the ongoing cost of the SMA for which you are expected to pay. These costs include wages, fringe benefits, car use, flexidays, sick days, stress leave, holiday pay, long service pay, training costs, overtime, workers compensation costs, superannuation costs and tea or coffee break costs of the public servants who are the SMA personnel.

Spectrum Access Tax (SAT) is not a satellite, it is a TAX. Tango Alpha Exray. TAX! There is no other meaning for it. It is a TAX for a spectrum space used by you the amateur-voter. Spectrum space which the government can take away from you unless you pay the tax, despite the international treaties. Do not forget, the Government has the power to ban amateur radio. The fact that the spectrum used by you has no commercial value on exclusively HF international amateur bands is ignored by the decision makers.

These decision makers apparently are not aware of the valuable community service provided free of charge by amateur-voters, like vital communications links during national disasters. Cyclone Tracy, Newcastle earthquake, bushfires and floods are just a few examples.

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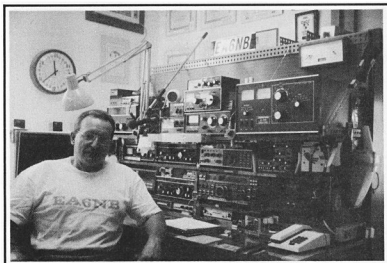
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The above is my personal view. It may not make me popular in certain circles. It does not necessarily represent the official WIA policy.

Jordan — JY

King Hussein, the well known amateur with the callsign JY1, is bringing the new peace accord with neighbouring Israel to a level that even includes amateur radio. The Israeli ham radio publication, "Ha Gal International" reports that the Jordanian monarch recently held his first recorded contact with an Israeli youngster whose callsign is 4Z9FHB. "Ha Gal" also reports that the thawing of relations between the two countries has already led to discussions between their respective amateur radio societies on matters of technical cooperation and DXpedition planning.

Antarctica

- Eddie VK4EET is active as VQ0ANT until March 1995, mostly on CW and mainly on the low bands. Look for him around 1130 UTC to about 1630 UTC on CW on frequencies of 3502, 7005, 14005 and 21005; or on SSB on 3798, 7070, 14190 and 21295 kHz. QSL to Eddie De Young, 131 Plantain Road, Shailer Park, QLD 4128.
- Phil VK4FPS is active as VK0FPS. QSL to VK3MA.
- Lance VK7ERZ is active as VK0ERZ. He will be active until March 1995.
- Gavin VP8GAV is now at Fossil Bluff.

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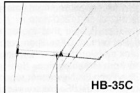
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a British base in the Antarctic. QSL to GM0LVI.

- Luciano IQJBL and Filipo IK0AIH were active as IA0PS in December from the Terra Nova Bay area (74° 42' S, 164° 12' E). QSL to IK0USA. They were using 1 kW into a rhombic antenna and were heard with an S9 signal in Sydney.
- KC4/K7ANW is also active from a US seismic research station located at 82° S, 118° W.

• VK0IX is working from Casey Base, mostly VHF with a beacon on 50.2 MHz. QSL via his home call VK5IX.

To those of you who are chasing "wallpapers" may I recommend the WIA Antarctic Award. Applicants need to make ten confirmed contacts with amateur stations conducting valid operations from Antarctica. The ten contacts must include at least six different government authorities and at least one contact must be a VK0. Antarctica is defined as the land mass including islands and permanent ice shelf below 60° south latitude (this excludes Heard and Macquarie islands which are sub-antarctic areas). Only contacts made on or after 23 February 1988 are valid for this award.

Palestine — ZC6 (?)

It came as a surprise to hear the old British mandated territory's callsign again on the air. The prefix ZC6 used to refer to Palestine before 30 June 1968, from when the DXCC deleted Palestine as a separate country. ZC6B came up on 14243 kHz on Selim's (OE6EEG) net early in December as a list operation. Since then he has reappeared from time to time on the 14243 or 14250 nets.

Early reports said that the operation was a joint venture DXpedition from Gaza by Israeli and Jordanian amateurs. Later reports from Israeli sources denied this. The Ohio/Penn DX Newsletter reports that Larry W4RA, IARU Secretary, received a fax from the "Palestine Amateur Radio Association" with information which may shed some light on the callsign being used. The fax contained a newspaper article dated 12 December 1994 from the "Al Quds" newspaper stating that the call was issued in 1948 to Dr Sami Tarazi but never used because of the war which broke out.

A later report said that the Palestine Amateur Radio Club (Association) had invited JA1UT and JA3UB to help set up a station and to operate. The operator behind the ZC6B callsign was Sami and his QSL address is Dr Sami Tarazi, PO Box 1008, Gaza, Palestine via Israel. There is no doubt that Palestine will reappear in the near future as a new country once all the outstanding political



A51MOC Bhutan (l to r) Jim VK9NS, Butanese officials Phub and Tshering, and Kan JA1BK.

issues are resolved. The present situation poses a number of questions. Will Palestine be a new DXCC country or will it be a resurrection of a country from the deleted list? Will it keep the ZC6 prefix which presently belongs to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland under the ITU allocation of ZBA-ZJC or not? What will be the starting date of the recognition? Only the future will tell.

Glorioso Island — IOTA AF-011

Jacques FR5ZU/G was active from Glorioso island from 17 November until 1 December. Glorioso is quite a difficult place to reach from VK, especially from VK4 and VK2. A further difficulty is that the operators are active in their evening local time which is well after midnight on the East coast of Australia with changing propagation at those hours. There are two QSL routes for Jacques. Europe and USA to VE2NW and Asia to JA8FCG.

Jacques left Glorioso but Henri FR5ZQ/G stayed behind and appeared a few times for a thirty minutes stay on the Southern Cross DX Net (14226.5 kHz at 1100 UTC) working a list. For the FR5ZQ/G operation, QSL Henri direct at the address given later in this column.

United Arab Emirates — A61

Don Greenbaum WB2DND, who often visits the United Arab Emirates on business trips, reports that the PTT authorities of the UAE have approved the issue of three more amateur licences. Two of the new licence holders are "graduates" of the Club Station at the

Dubai Men's Technical College. These are the first licences issued in about a year. A61AH is Al Mur Al Mohiri, a pilot. His address is PO Box 4800, Dubai, UAE. The other is A61AN, Nasr Fekri. Nasr is in his early twenties and works in the new Dubai Hospital. He is an experienced operator. His QSL goes to PO Box 53656, Dubai, UAE.

The third licence is for A61AI. It will be issued as soon as the applicant picks it up from the authorities. Incidentally, Don WB2DND made about 1700 contacts in four evenings.

Future DX Activity

- DP1KGI will be operated by Thomas DL7VTS from South Shetland until 31 March.
- HF0POL, starting mid-December, is also operating from the Shetland Islands. Henry SP3FYM will be on the air presumably until the end of 1995. He will pay special attention to RTTY and 160 metres. During his stay in 1990-1991 he made about 25,000 QSOs.
- 9Q5IY. LA9IY is active from Zaire for three months during a tour of duty with the United Nations. QSL to LA1K direct only, because he is not a member of the LA Bureau.
- 9X5EE. Alex PA3DZN is now licensed in Rwanda. QSL to PA3DLM.
- Peter KC1QF intends to visit Mt Athos during the northern summer. He hopes to receive the call SV0GVA and intends to operate SSB, CW and RTTY. He will carry wire antennas, batteries,

and 82 W solar cells plus a TS50S and will operate from a height of 6000 feet. Peter says he is a Greek citizen and of the Orthodox faith and he thinks that these facts will provide freedom of entry for him to Mt Athos.

- Tom DL7UTM was going to be active from the Maldiv Islands during the Christmas period. This plan has now been changed. He will be operational as 8Q7XO during March/April.
- Bernhard DL2GAC (H44MS) and Norbert DJ9RD were active from the western Solomons in the second part of January on SSB, CW and Pactor. They used a TS50S and a 400 watt amplifier. QSL to home calls.
- A Swedish Amateur Radio Club (SK3JR) will be promoting Sweden as a possible candidate for the winter Olympics in 2002. The special call 753OWG will be active from January until 16 June 1995. QSL to SM3CVM.

Interesting QSOs and QSL Information

E = East Coast. W = West Coast. M = the rest of Australia.

- 9N1SON — Jack — 14024 — CW — 1109 — Nov (M). QSL to W4SON, Jack W Rucker, Box 837, Jamaica, NY 11430, USA.
- 7250O — Mike — 14012 — CW — 1330 — Nov (M). QSL direct only to WIAF, Harvard Wireless Club, 6 Linden St, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass 02138, USA.
- J28F — 14022 — CW — 1214 — Dec (M). QSL to PO Box 1076, Djibouti, Africa.
- 9K2WA — Ali — 14192 — SSB — 0527 — Nov (E). QSL to PO Box 25020, Safat — 13111, Kuwait.
- 9N1ARB — Dick — 14227 — SSB — 1248 — Dec (E). QSL to PO Box 25, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- FR5ZQ/G — Henri — 14226.5 — SSB — 1339 — Dec (E). QSL to Henri Namtameco, Rampe De St Francois,

5052 Tour La Chaumiere, Saint Denis, 97400 Reunion Island via France.

- A92BE — Don — 14200 — SSB — 0550 — Nov (E). QSL to Sheridan K Street, Box 26803, Manama, Bahrain.
- IA0PS — Luc — 14204 — SSB — 0715 — Dec (E). QSL to IK0USA, Paolo De Michetti, Casella Postale 9047, I-00167, Roma, Italy.
- A61AC — Mohamed — 14250 — SSB — 0630 — Dec (E). QSL to ON7LX, Carine Ramon, Bruggesteeweg 77, B-8755, Ruiselede, Belgium.
- 8R1AK — Esmond — 7083 — SSB — 0936 — Dec (E). QSL to Esmond L Jones, PO Box 10868, Georgetown, Guyana, South America.

From Here There and Everywhere

It is said that to catch the rare DX one has to be on the right band at the right time with good propagation and with "lady luck" on the side. This happened to Merv VK4DV. Merv is the only VK, to my knowledge, and one of the very few in the world who worked the XY1HT, demonstration station from Myanmar (see Nov and Dec *Amateur Radio*). Writes Merv, "I heard XY1HT calling for propagation reports. He also stated that he wanted stations outside South East Asia. I was lucky enough to call him on the back of the quad on SSB for a 5x4 report. He was not very strong here but he came back with the same report. He did not have many takers at all. From the short QSO it appeared that I spoke to the G operator. When I first heard the call I had no idea where it came from. I first thought that it was a special event station from Europe, but when I looked up the International ITU prefix allocations in the callbook I could hardly believe my eyes." Congratulations Merv, you landed a rare one.

- Dave WX3N advises that he is the QSL manager for the following stations: 8Q7WA, 8Q7WX, AA9AK/AH2,

AG9A/AH2, AH2U, KC6XX, KJ9W/KH2, VR2/WX3N, 8Q7WQ, AA9AK/WHO, AG9A/WHO and VS6/AA9AK.

- I was pleasantly surprised when I received a QSL card directly from Antarctica. Paul VK0CS sent his QSL card from Casey Base (110° 31' E, 66° 17' S). The envelope had the standard Australian postage for internal mail of 45 cents with an Australian Antarctic Territory stamp on it and the post office cancellation stamp reads "Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions, Casey, 3 Nov 1994". The envelope arrived on 6 December for a QSO on 27 February 1994. Paul's home call is VK2GMI, and his address is Paul Hansen, 16 Rotuma St, Oakhurst, NSW 2761, Australia.
- John VK1PG reports that he had a CW contact at 2051 UTC on 14033 with ST2AA in Kharthoum. Lou is an Australian and left VK5 in 1975. He is anxious to have QSOs with VKs around his evening local time, which would be 1800 — 2000 UTC. His full name is Louis Szondy and QSL is via WB2RAJ.
- Did you know that the Harvard University Wireless Club is America's oldest radio club, established in 1909?
- Meralda VR6MW was missing from the bands. She spent some months in New Zealand for health reasons. "We are so far away when help is needed", writes her mother, Mavis.
- The QSL cards for HV3SJ, operated by Father Edward Schmidt W9SI, should go to I0DUD with two IRCs.
- 9K2F was active from Faylakh Island, which is located about 25 km NE of Kuwait City, from 15 to 18 December. QSL to 9K2RA.
- C56/G0MRF is not listed in the 1994 callbook. Direct QSLs go to G8PDW.
- Recently there was some CW activity from Syria by seven American amateurs. The activity took place with the help of Omar YK1AO. The callsign

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Bhutan, November 1994. Amateur radio activity by a Bhutanese operator, Phub, assisted by Kan JA1BK.

used by the Americans was YK0A. QSL goes to W6OAT. The prospects for future CW operation are better than they were before. A complete amateur station was left behind and there are several other operators keen to begin DXing. The Americans report that they were treated very well and with great kindness by the Syrian people. They made 15,000 QSOs, 75% with Europe.

- If you worked V18TRACY, commemorating the destruction of Darwin by the cyclone as indicated by the suffix of the callsign, for a \$5.00 donation, the Darwin Amateur Radio Club will send you a special certificate. The address is DARC, PO Box 41251, Casuarina, NT 0811.
- Ray AB4JI approached the relevant authorities again to operate from Desecheo Island, KP5. However, he was told that no amateur radio is allowed from the islands at present.
- I am sure many DXers remember Alan VK8AV from Alice Springs. I have not heard of him for a couple of years. The other day VK4IV called me on CW. It was Alan who has now settled in the Brisbane area.
- The proposed December ZL5/Balleny Island DXpedition has been postponed to a date sometime in 1995.
- Various DX publications report the following pirates or unauthorised activity. Save your money and do not QSL. 9V/SV2BBJ was active, but has no permission to operate. SU2CW asked to send the cards to DK7PE.

Rudi knows nothing about that station. A51NS was an illegal operation. 5A0/DL7FT and ST0CW are very doubtful. 3V/JA2MAO was a pirate, as was YA7NEL asking for cards to JA6NEF. The call D2SA has been pirated extensively during the last week or two on CW, with various pre/suffixes including TN and 3C. The real D2SA does not operate on CW. 3V8UJ, asking for cards via W4DE, was very doubtful. F6EEM said that the calls FR/F6EEM/T, TM2YT and 3A/F6EEM were all pirates.

- According to unconfirmed sources the planned Kermadec Island activity for March 1995 has been cancelled. Barry G4MFW, whilst he had a licence to operate, failed in his attempts to secure a landing permit from the relevant New Zealand authorities.
- Tunisia 3V was active during November and December. Four Japanese operators (JH2CFD, JF2EZA, JR2RVL and JL2OYI) assisted to set up a club station. According to some reports the Club Station is in a high school in Bir-El-Bey town. The Japanese operators were instructing the locals and, according to some reports, a few trained operators will continue to be active after the Japanese leave. QSL goes to JF2EZA.
- The Krenkel Central Radio Club of Russia sent a circular to all QSL Bureaus of radio amateur organisations advising that Box 88

(phone +7949-52-21) Moscow is still very much alive. They admit, however, that for some time past the number of incoming QSL cards has sharply fallen. They also point out that, whilst the Krenkel Central Radio Club of the Russian Federation has more than 30,000 members and whilst they claim to be the successors of the former Radio Sport Federation of the USSR, the recently formed Union of Radio Amateurs of Russia (SRR), Box 59, Moscow counts only about 4000 members. The latter, however, has been admitted as a member of IARU. The Krenkel Club assures us that they possess moveable property, transport, staff members and the necessary organisation to sort and send amateur mail (QSL cards) in good time and regularly. They also allege that the opposition organisation does not regularly forward cards. So there you are. Competing QSL bureaus in Russia. One has to remember also that the other, now independent, republics also have their own QSL Bureaus.

- Bill VK4CRR was heard operating portable from Cato Island in December in the Coral Sea Group (23° 15' S, 155° 32' E).
- There is a rumour that DU0K will be operating soon from Spratly Islands.
- Here are the latest decisions of the ARRL DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) advised in a news release dated 2 Dec 1994. The DXAC has voted 14 to 2 against a petition to add Austral Islands and the Marquesas Islands to the DXCC countries list. The DXAC voted 14 to 1 against adding the Balleny Islands to the DXCC countries list. The DXAC voted 13 to 2 against recommending the establishment of a DXCC award for contacts made whilst operating mobile.

QSLs Received

GI3OQR (12 w op) — VK6ISL and VK8ISL (10 w VK6LC) — VR6MW (10 w op) — 5T5JC (3 w F6FNU) — VK0CS (10 m op).

Thank You

Many thanks to my helpers without whose support this column would face real difficulties. Special thanks to VK1PG, VK2DSL, VK2KCP, VK2KFU, VK4AAR, VK4DV, VK4XW, VK6HD, DL2GAC, K1IYD, PA0LEG and WX3N, as well as the following sources of information, The Krenkel Central Radio Club of the Russian Federation, *QRZ DX*, *The DX Bulletin*, *The DX News Sheet* and *The W6GO/K6HHD list*.

73 and Good DX

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WIA News

WIA Action on Proposed Licence Fees

The following item, from WIA Federal President Neil Penfold VK6NE, was sent to Divisional broadcast officers in the first week of January.

Since the SMA explained the proposed new amateur licence fees to us early in December and we arranged to distribute the information as rapidly as possible through the various means at our disposal, the WIA has not been idle.

But, before outlining developments, I should dispel some erroneous concerns that many amateurs have raised.

The proposed new fees were revealed to the WIA's SMA Liaison team FOR THE FIRST TIME on 5 December. The information was embargoed from public release by the SMA until 14 December when they put full licence pricing policy details before representatives of all the other spectrum users at a meeting of the Radio Consultative Council in Sydney.

Text for the insert which appeared in your January issue of *Amateur Radio* was finalised on the morning of 14 December, and flown to Melbourne to be printed and inserted in the magazine the following day.

On 15 December, the text of that insert was issued to the packet radio network.

The WIA's SMA Liaison team and the Federal Council has been monitoring reaction and formulating plans to put a well-argued response to the Spectrum Management Agency.

It should come as no surprise that, fundamentally, the WIA is opposed to a number of aspects of the proposed new fees, in particular, the Spectrum Access Tax.

As a result of discussions within WIA Federal, on 30 December I authorised a press release to be issued to the media so that, hopefully, the licence fee issue could be more widely disseminated, particularly with a view to reaching non-members of the WIA and other interested people and groups.

Fortunately, it caught the attention of the media, receiving national coverage on radio and television on Tuesday, 3 January, a story and picture on page three of The Age newspaper the same day, and subsequently on a number of Victorian radio stations, as well as stories in metropolitan and regional newspapers.

As I said, the WIA is monitoring reactions to the proposed licence fees and to say the response has been overwhelming would be an understatement. It has been most welcome.

The WIA plans to put the strongest possible case to the SMA, reflecting the views of members and non-members alike, but there has been only a short time since the information was made available and there is only a short time frame in which we can negotiate before the deadline of 1 March.

It should be obvious that only reasoned argument will win the day and the WIA aims to take that course in developing a case to negotiate with the SMA.

On behalf of the WIA, and the amateur fraternity at large, I would like to thank all those who have taken the time and made the effort to put their views.

Neil Penfold VK6NE, WIA Federal President.

The press release of 30 December was issued from Sydney to the five national television broadcast networks (2, 7, 9, 10, SBS), Australian Associated Press, some of the radio broadcast networks, national print media, all capital city metropolitan daily newspapers and Amateur Radio Action.

Copies of the release were also sent to the Spectrum Manager, Christine Goode, the Minister for Communications and the Arts, Michael Lee, the Shadow Minister for Communications, Senator Richard Alston and his counterpart in the House of Representatives, David Kemp.

The Age newspaper in Melbourne was the first to pick up on the press release, running the story mentioned above in their 3 January edition. This seemed to have sparked the interest of other media.

WIA Victoria President, Jim Linton VK3PC, was kept busy dealing with news media inquiries. It began with The Age needing a photograph to go with their story written from the WIA press release. Ray Cowling VK3ACR readily volunteered for the photo.

Jim VK3PC fronted the television cameras for both Channels 9 and 10, which gave excellent coverage in the evening news on 3 January. With a number of TV appearances over the past decade, he was able to clearly explain the arguments against the Spectrum Access Tax. Rob Carmichael VK3DTR kindly made his shack available for the TV interviews.

John Hill VK3WZ also received media calls, including ABC Radio National, who had his name in their contact book. They had previously interviewed him during the Gulf war.

The West Australian newspaper in Perth, picking up on the Channel 9 TV news item, contacted Federal President Neil Penfold to ask why they had not been sent a release. He was able to inform them that it had been faxed to the Chief of Staff on 30 December.

Many local metropolitan weekly and regional newspapers picked up on the earlier media stories, as did radio stations, particularly in Victoria. One radio station, 3CR in Melbourne, following an item on its Friday morning breakfast program, reported receiving a number of calls from people enquiring about how to get their amateur licence and where to contact the WIA.

The Gold Coast Amateur Radio Society in Queensland also managed to get a prominent story in their local paper.

Background to the licence fees issue was first published in the March 1994 issue of *Amateur Radio*, on pages 21 and 22, in a WIA News item covering the SMA Apparatus Licence Inquiry. An insert reporting on the Inquiry was in the same issue.

Federal President Neil Penfold wrote to the Spectrum Manager, Christine Goode, early in January seeking a specific meeting for the WIA to negotiate with the SMA on the licence fees.

Over to You — Members' Opinions

All letters from members will be considered for publication, but should be less than 300 words. The WIA accepts no responsibility for opinions expressed by correspondents.

Novice Articles

Instead of blasting the WIA *Amateur Radio* magazine for not filling its columns with novice-related articles, it might pay B Thirkell VK1PBT (*Amateur Radio* magazine, January issue) to take out a subscription to *QST*, the world's oldest amateur radio magazine.

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It amazes me how few VKs subscribe to this journal. Why?

Roth Jones VK3BG
23 Cherry Tree Grove
Croydon VIC 3136

(I suspect the answer to your final question, Roth, is that many amateurs, novice or otherwise, feel that they cannot afford the cost. Ed)

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Al Rechner VK5EK
PO Box 12
Old Noarlunga SA 5168

(Did you leave the TV on all night, Al, or was the interference present even when nominally "off"? Ed.)

Disagreements or Problems

Reference the Bruce Hedland Thomas comment about Quaker talkathons in the December Federal QSP. If our councillors are considering the Quaker method for resolving disagreements, I remind them it is only suitable for that purpose, it is

useless for problem solving. Problems require a process of logical reasoning applied to the evidence; so don't abandon your gift of reasoning in favour of the gift of the gab.

Interference problems are technical and require technical solutions based on consideration of the technical evidence. SMA appointed consultants, arbitrators and conciliators should be suitably qualified technical persons; if an amateur is not satisfied that the outcome of an investigation has resulted from the technical evidence he should appeal to an ombudsman and, if necessary, the courts. It would not be unreasonable for him to expect legal and financial assistance from the WIA for that purpose. A compromise might satisfy the affected parties at the time but it could set a prejudicial precedent.

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WIA Exam Service

For some time now I have been assisting students to gain their various Amateur Operating Certificates and, during this time, I have been able to see just how the WIA Examination Service works.

I was very impressed with the administration of the system and the consideration given to the students when sitting for their exams.

The advantages of the WIA system are: a. Examinations are now held on average at least once a month instead of the three month interval under the former DoTC system.

b. Venues are, in most cases, locations such as the local radio club meeting halls, etc which are usually familiar to the students. Furthermore, the examiners are well known to the students and, in such circumstances, an informal atmosphere prevails which must help to settle the students' examination nerves.

c. Students sitting for the Morse tests can use their own keys or oscillators and are given ample opportunity to practise sending a small piece before the test and also listen to a Morse tape for a short period. What more would you want?

d. Formerly, students at distant locations would have to travel considerable distances to sit for an examination, whereas now locations can be more conveniently placed.

e. When the exam results are sent to

the WIA for confirmation, the students can be assured of a speedy turn-around, getting their results in a few days. The DoTC used to take much longer than this.

The WIA Education Officer, Brenda Edmonds, and her helpers are to be congratulated on a smoothly running devolution of the examination system from the DoTC to amateur control.

I know there are awards made by the WIA for the best articles published in *Amateur Radio*, but what about an ACHIEVER Award for the year? I, for one, would nominate Brenda Edmonds for that award, for a magnificent job well done.

Although, seeing that the Examination system is going so well, why don't we look further afield and export it to our Asian neighbours (at least)? Tertiary institutions do similar things, why not the WIA?

Still another thought. To cater for our distant students and the incapacitated ones, it would be very useful if some of our experts in the remote student education field could introduce a correspondence course for amateur students. It would be a big task, I know, but maybe it is not impossible.

Perhaps there may be a niche market somewhere in the above thoughts, perhaps just to help reduce our current account deficit!

Well done, Brenda. The amateur organisation owes a lot to your undoubted ability and zeal in the amateur education field.

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(Brenda is grateful for your praise, Quintin, but hastens to attribute most of the Exam Service success to the organisational ability of Bill Roper VK3BR during his time as General Manager. Both were employed by the WIA at that time. Ed)

Licence Fees

I am writing to express my opinion about the new SMA pricing policy for amateur radio licences.

The insert in January *Amateur Radio* was an excellent description of the SMA's policy but it gave no indication of what response the WIA would make to it. However, I would deduce that, because the SMA said it was a pretty good deal and the WIA made no comments to the contrary, the Federal WIA accepts that, or at least Roger Harrison does.

The new policy is a revenue raising (taxation) strategy in keeping with its previously well publicised commercial management of the radio spectrum. The fact is that an unrestricted amateur will pay about 100% extra for a licence.

It may be argued that fees will decrease if we swell the ranks but under this policy

the ranks may well diminish and then fees will increase. There may well be a lot of half hearted hams who, at double the price, don't bother to renew their licences.

The fact is that the Amateur Radio Service is basically a hobby, but is being priced on a commercial basis and that the adoption of this policy is THE THIN EDGE OF THE WEDGE for the service.

The policy does nothing to foster the amateur service which is an asset to the community, particularly in times of emergency and natural disaster.

I have written to my Federal Member of Parliament protesting these charges and feel much valuable time has been lost because of the one calendar month it took to receive this information.

If the WIA is continuing discussions with the SMA then I expect that they be very firm discussions with the interest of amateur operators at heart.

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Fee Increases

(Copy of letter sent to SMA)

I have received an advance copy of your new charges relating to amateur radio.

I attended the seminars in Adelaide in 1994 and I wrote a submission input to you (as did many others). You acknowledged receipt of the letter.

Suddenly, without warning, you have announced a FEE INCREASE OF OVER 100%.

The seminar was told a SMALL fee increase was the "worst case" scenario but the more likely settlement would be a fee REDUCTION.

There are NO licence fees for the CB bands and you allow them to be used commercially.

Amateur radio operators are really that. AMATEURS providing a very valuable service FREE OF CHARGE to Darwin Cyclones, Ash Wednesday bushfires, NSW bushfires, etc.

We provide services to Camp Quality, Guides and Scouts groups, training for Australian Armed Forces and industry in general.

Were it not for the amateurs, you and the general public of the world would be less well served.

Adding insult to injury you never replied and, I suspect, never applied the submissions to the recommended 100% fee increase.

Now you are saying the amateurs have been given a GOOD DEAL!

You can be assured I am UPSET AND VERY ANGRY at your SNEAKY approach. A sniper in the trees couldn't have done it better.

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(The above two letters are typical of the many letters received so far on the licence fees theme. Regrettably, while all displayed tremendous indignation, most were too long to print here. Ed)

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Update

Back to Basics 40 or 80 m Receiver

Neville Chivers VK2YO, the author of the above article which appeared on pages four to six of the January 1995 issue of *Amateur Radio* magazine, points out some errors in the circuit diagram, Fig 1.

1. The VFO buffer amp should read MPF102 and not MFP102.
2. The BFO trimmer should read 3-30 pF, not 3.3 pF.
3. The AM line from the first IF transformer should bridge the filter and not connect direct to G1 of the MFE131 IF amp.
4. (The most important!) The drain of the MPF102 product detector should connect to the 12 V rail via a 1 k resistor at the junction of the .002 capacitor and the 1000 μ H RFC.

It might be a good idea to correct your copy of the January issue of *Amateur Radio* NOW!

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WIA News

EMC Compliance to be Set Back?

The Australian Telecommunications Industry Association (ATIA) has proposed to the Spectrum Management Agency that the 1 January 1996 date for the introduction of the "EMC Regime", requiring that electrical, electronics and telecommunications equipment sold or manufactured in Australia meet mandatory spurious emission levels, be put back 12 months.

The ATIA is the representative body for the Australian telecommunications equipment industry and is affiliated with the Australian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers Association (AEEMA).

Their January newsletter, *ATIA News*, reported that their proposal had been circulated to the ATIA's divisions for discussion, and that they had met recently with Paul Elliott, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, who has responsibility for spectrum management issues.

Technical Correspondence

All technical correspondence from members will be considered for publication, but should be less than 300 words.

CRADBIG Charger

The excitation circuit in the article in the December issue of *Amateur Radio* leaves a little to be desired, as the author suggests. I would like to offer a simple fix to overcome the charger's shortcomings.

The output voltage of the unit described is directly proportional to rotor speed and inversely proportional to load. The result is a need to continually adjust the excitation control. The circuit is capable of destroying the battery if the voltage is allowed to rise above 15.1 volts (2.5 volts per cell). This causes the plates to heat up thereby dislodging the positive plate material. A voltage of 2.45 per cell is generally considered to be the maximum permissible. If the voltage is higher than this figure, the active material sheds and falls to the bottom of the cell. This can result in a shorted cell or the material going into suspension, appearing as a red tinge in the electrolyte.

The simple fix is to replace the excitation circuit with a low cost Bosch RE55 regulator (\$15.40 plus tax). Connect D+ to the battery via the series diode combination, earth the case to battery negative, and connect F to the top end of the rotor winding. This regulator is only suitable for alternators with one end of the rotor connected to earth. Using this regulator the CRADBIG will regulate the output voltage between 14.0 volts and 14.4 volts. It has temperature compensation, negative feedback for stable output and internal filtering against transients.

Using the RE55 you can charge the battery without having the fear of the whole thing suddenly taking off into no man's land!

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Repeater Link

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Loops

Last month's *Repeater Link* tried to pass on some of the knowledge gained at an amateur level on the tuning of the two metre cavity filter duplexer. Not an easy task but I hope amateurs faced with the task of constructing and tuning a duplexer for the first time found some of the information useful. Much of the following will make sense to duplexer builders but to most other amateurs may be a mystery.

This month I have included additional information on the coupling loops. As commented on last month, I found the coupling loops in the ARRL design were coupled too tightly to the centre tuning element. Only by reducing the coupling could I achieve the published results. In the hope that a picture is worth a thousand words the accompanying drawing, Fig 1, should help in modifying the coupling loops. The shape is as simple as could be.

No precise bending of the wire loops into the published rectangular shape is required, just 115 mm (4.5") of household electrical wire formed into a loop. The 115 mm is the total length from the solder connection on the BNC to the earth termination. The closest point of the loop to the centre tuning element is the only critical dimension. By moving the loops in and out from the tuning element the correct degree of coupling is achieved. The 6 mm as shown is close to the right coupling but you will still require some experimentation.

Cuts

Note also the bottom of the tuning element where the centre tuning plunger extends. Instead of the finger stock as specified in the *ARRL Handbook*, which is labour intensive, simply cut eight slots in the larger tube down about 40 mm. Screw the centre smaller tube far enough inside the larger tube so you can squeeze in the eight slotted bottom pieces. Do every alternate one so you end up with four inner ones and then four outer ones overlaying the inner ones. Then screw the inner tube out to the position shown. Much easier.

History

While writing the articles on the two metre cavity duplexer, my memory returned back to those long ago days when the word duplexer first crept into the repeater scene in VK6. The first repeaters in VK6 were all split antenna designs. Coupling a repeater via a duplexer to a single antenna was a great mystery that

had far too many unknowns. Only one of the club members had any two way commercial knowledge and that was limited when it came to understanding the duplexer.

Many hours of discussion were spent on how a duplexer was put together. Most of the commercial radio systems back then used much wider frequency separation between the input and output frequencies which, in turn, meant the duplexer was easier to make and get going. Could a 500 kHz split amateur repeater for two metres be made to work through a duplexer? No, the 500 kHz is not a typo. Way back then the repeater split on two metres was 500 kHz before it changed to 600 kHz.

When the *ARRL* design appeared, much discussion on building a duplexer ensued. It is important to understand that amateur repeater clubs or individuals vary greatly in their knowledge. What one group, due to its radio experience, takes for granted and moves on, another group flounders over for months, or sometimes years. Finding out information in amateur radio can at times be exceedingly difficult. Even when the information is there it is usually written by someone who knows a lot about the subject. This can be an inbuilt flaw. What the writer takes as accepted knowledge causes nothing but confusion for those struggling with the

basic concepts. Sometimes information is left out, such as how the dimensions for the connecting cables in the duplexer are arrived at. Does anyone know?

In examining the *ARRL* duplexer design, many hours were spent trying to duplicate the design down to the last turn on the lathe. Even the tiny insulator bushings for passing the coupling loops through the top plate were reproduced in exact detail, as it was thought that any deviation from the design could result in disaster. Today a 3 mm hole is drilled and household electrical wire passed through to make up the coupling loops. The job of the insulator bushings is done by the plastic covering on the electrical wire. I sometimes think that construction projects very much reflect the individual's bias. If you are into machine turning on your big lathe then every chance you get to use the lathe results in one more piece of beautifully manufactured hardware. For those following behind it can be a major hurdle that turns out to be completely unnecessary. A simple comment like "this is the way I did it but a simple hole with insulated electrical wire is also OK" could have made the project so much easier.

I wonder if us few VK6 amateurs were the only ones way back then struggling with the mysteries of the duplexer? Dare I say, could it be happening all over again even as you read this?

News

Whenever I see an item on packet that relates to repeaters I usually read it. In order to find more input to *Repeater Link* I then send a packet back to the author of the packet item requesting any information on repeaters. It may be a new repeater just going into service or a bit of history relating to repeaters in that area. It is hard going getting amateurs to write and pass on their experiences in building, installing and maintaining repeaters.

What interests me in particular is the organisational side of putting a repeater on air. Is a given repeater the result of an individual or a group of amateurs? Coordinating a repeater installation can be an interesting experience. If you would like to have your repeater featured in *Repeater Link*, be it large or small, then send me whatever information you have. Other amateurs who are sharing similar experiences can relate to your particular situation and perhaps gain a small amount of help and enjoyment by reading about your repeater.

Cairns

From Bob VK4JZB comes the following information on a new 70 cm repeater in Cairns.

The repeater itself was put together from a Hamtronics kit many years ago and

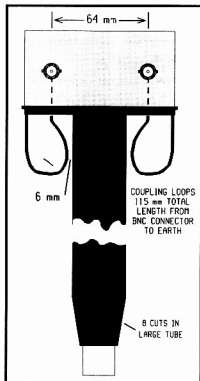


Fig 1.

tended to lay dormant until earlier this year. The antennas are both J poles spaced about one metre apart and are situated on top of the generator room of the Matsen Plaza. The generator room itself is situated above the 13th floor on the southern end of the complex. Output power is approx 12 watts and the frequency is 439.350 MHz. The input frequency is 5 MHz lower on 434.350 MHz. The Matsen Plaza is owned and operated by the Daiyko Group and until very recently had Paul VK4APN as the General Manager. Paul was instrumental in obtaining the site for the Cairns Amateur Radio and Electronics Club Inc, the repeater sponsor.

Thanks Bob for the information. Bob's Packet address is VK4JZB @ VK4KGV.FNQ.QLD.AUS.OC if you want any additional information.

Adelaide

Also tracked down on packet was Mark VK5AVQ who sent me this information on some of the history about repeaters in Adelaide.

Adelaide's first repeater was VK5RAD at Crafrers on 147000 MHz back in 1971. A 146.850 system followed in the mid seventies. In 1979 a UHF repeater committee was formed, of which I was part and, with a W15U donated by Philips, the project was on air a few years later as VK5RVP. This UHF repeater was co-sited with the two metre repeater VK5RAD. The UHF repeater runs two antennas and a masthead amplifier. Attempts to boost the 5 watts output power have been messy, as have the three aerial rebuilds, two due to tower collapses, but that's another story. (I'd like to hear about that one too, Mark.) Last year I went to VK0 and the UHF repeater failed. While off air, due to confusion the licence was transferred to Mt Lofty. I'm hoping to replace the old W15U UHF repeater VK5RVP with a Philips FM 815 that was obtained from the VK6 VHF Group. The proposed location is Mt Lofty which is Adelaide's highest site. Meanwhile the W15U is re-licensed as VK5RAD at Crafrers until Mt Lofty is running.

When I returned from VK0 and discovered that VK5RVP was off air I investigated and found the 40 minute fail-safe timer's latching relay had tripped. There was probably a glitch when a digipeater was installed at the site. A simple fault but no one else knew the system (or cared?). Presently there are only two other 70 cm repeaters around Adelaide. Fairly quiet in Adelaide but we did have the first ATV licence and repeater in Australia.

Thanks Mark for your comments on that aspect of the repeater scene in Adelaide in which you are directly involved. Mark's

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I particularly identified with the problem about information pertaining to a particular repeater installation being vested in only one individual. If for any reason that person is not available no one

Spotlight on SWLing

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Conditions still have not improved and there has not been a great deal happening on the bands. The VOA has started a daily talkback program at 1700 UTC entitled simply "Talk to America". This 60 minute program will not be heard by many in this region due to its timing. However, they do have edited highlights in later releases. WJCR, the Kentucky gospel music station on 7490 kHz, was off-air for a while due to difficulties in obtaining tubes. This information followed my query on Internet to its continued absence.

The nearby WWCR station in Nashville, Tennessee continues mainly to broadcast religious programming, yet I have heard it signing as "World Wide Country Radio" between 2100 and 2300 hours on 11980 kHz. The program consists of Country and Western music plus commercials. This isn't surprising as Nashville is regarded as the home of this genre of music. WWCR utilises three transmitters, one of which is dedicated to the so-called "University Network" and Dr Gene Scott. 5935 kHz seems to be the channel carrying this program while 5065 and 7435 carry separate programming around 0700 UTC.

I was puzzled by a station on 9255 kHz at 0630 UTC on 5 December last, broadcasting in Persian. Identification was difficult due to heavy modulation and generator hum. Programming was mainly martial music plus plenty of slogans. Iran and one of its leaders (Rafsanjani) was frequently mentioned. It was not Teheran as I cross-checked 15084 kHz so it presumably is one of the clandestine outlets in the Mid-east. The station is not a regular but could be beneath the bubble jammers that are heard between 0500 and 0700 UTC daily sweeping from 9200 to 9350 kHz.

It looks as if the days of longwave broadcasting are numbered, particularly in Western Europe. Norway and Austria ceased using these frequencies on 1 January. Others are likely eventually to follow suit. Incidentally, Austria went further and left AM, relying on the FM networks. The CIS countries (ie the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe) will

else has any idea what to do. How is information about your local repeater documented and how many people know anything about its operation?

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probably continue on LW for longer than in Western Europe.

Don't forget early next month, the Daylight Saving madness will be really evident. NSW leaves it on the first Sunday of the month, whilst New Zealand follows suit on the second Sunday. Victoria and South Australia will join Tasmania and revert to Standard time on the 26th. Honestly, I don't know why we are unable to standardise the changeover dates. Apparently time comes under state jurisdiction and not Commonwealth. Just to demonstrate how ludicrous it will be, Broken Hill (which is on Adelaide time) will be 30 minutes ahead of Sydney, when it usually is the other way round.

Budgetary cutbacks are continuing in the major public broadcasters. The latest to feel this is Kol Israel in Jerusalem who axed several English releases. The CBC in Canada recently announced it was axing 6,000 of its staff which includes the shortwave arm, Radio Canada International. Ironically, the RCI site at Sackville, New Brunswick is mainly used by other broadcasters to get into North America. The users are the BBC, Radio Japan, Radio Korea, Austrian Radio and Deutsche Welle.

This increasing trend for site sharing makes it a challenge to identify what country the signal is emanating from. I wonder just how many have been caught hearing Radio Japan in Tokyo at 0700 UTC on 7230 kHz when, in fact, the signals are coming from Skelton in the UK. Fortunately, Radio Japan acknowledges this fact but there are many who fail to disclose it. China Radio International in Beijing is heard around 0400 UTC in English on the 25 metre band yet in reality it is via French Guiana.

Well that is all for February. Don't forget if you have any news for inclusion, I can be reached on Internet or Fidonet as below. The Packet address is unchanged as is my snail mail address, despite what the latest callbook states. Until March, the very best of listening and 73.

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VHF/UHF — An Expanding World

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World Record 10 GHz Contact

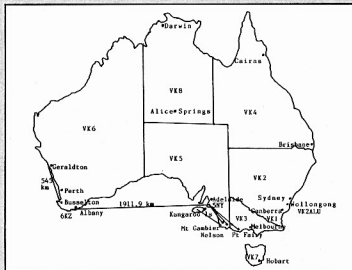
What is likely to be confirmed as a world record contact on 10.368100 GHz on 30/12/1994 at 1232 UTC took place between Roger VK5NY/p at Mount Wilson PF94hs, 408 metres ASL and south of Adelaide, South Australia, and Wally VK6KZ/p at Torbay Hill OF84tw near West Cape Howe, 140 metres ASL and 25 km west of Albany, Western Australia, over a distance of 1911.9 km. Both stations used SSB, VK6KZ/p gave a 4x1 report to VK5NY/p and the reverse report was 5x2. Roger and Wally noted strong QSB over the mainly water path across the Great Australian Bight. The contact also establishes VK5, VK6 and Australian records.

VK5NY/p used a German designed transverter with an output of 180 mW into a 40 cm dish with penny feed and an FT290R for the 144 MHz IF. VK6KZ/p used a Suckling English designed transverter with 100 mW output into a 40 cm dish with dipole feed, a 4 dB NF receiver and an FT290R for the 144 MHz IF.

Both stations ran keyers and signals were copied for about three hours. A contact followed at 1457 UTC with numbers exchanged for the Ross Hull Memorial Contest, 4x1 reports both ways on SSB with serial numbers exchanged. Both operators are to be congratulated for their efforts in placing Australia on the map again while we wait for the US amateurs to work Hawaii from San Francisco and so clinch the record!

Another station in Adelaide, David VK5KK PF94 was endeavouring to make contact with VK6KZ/p at the same time as the first contact. Signals were marginal and both David and Wally could hear each others' signals but no two-way contact took place. David is believed to be about 6 km further distant from Wally than Roger, who now awaits to see who will take the record from him!

The present World Record for 10 GHz occurred on 18/7/1993 between EA9/10SNY and 10YL1/IE9 at a distance of 1666 km.



The map indicates the progression of 10 GHz contacts in Australia during 1993/4. On 30/4/93 VK5NY/p QF02ec Cape Banks Light House to VK5AC/p PF84rg Minarapa, Kangaroo Island, 355.4 km and a new national record; 22/4/94: VK5NY/p PF94hs Mount Wilson to VK5MC QF02 Millcent 290 km; 12/12: VK5NY/p PF94hr Mt Magnificent to VK5NC/p QF02jd at Potters Point, Mt Gambles, 338 km; then to VK5NC/p QF01mw Nelson, Victoria 369 km; then VK3ZQB/p QF11dp near Port Fairy 466 km; 14/12: VK6BHT/p OG71 near Geraldton to VK6KZ/p OF76 at Busselton 40 km south of Bunbury 545 km; 30/12: VK5NY/p PF94hs Mount Wilson near McLaren Vale to VK6KZ/p OF84tw Torbay Hill west of Albany 1911.9 km. Also shown is the location of VK2ALU QF55 who recently set a 10 GHz EME world record and has been a pioneer of 10 GHz terrestrial experiments.

Notable 10 GHz Contacts

Wally VK6KZ said by fax that on 29/11/94 at 1352 Neil VK6BHT/p OG71 at Point Moore near Geraldton worked VK6KZ/p OF77 at Rockingham near Perth on 10368.080 MHz. SSB signal reports were 5x5 each way. The distance between the stations was 402 km and exceeded the current Western Australian and Australian records.

This contact followed one about an hour earlier when VK6KZ/p was portable at the North Mole OF77 at Fremantle Harbour over a 377 km path. This earlier contact was notable in that it represented the first two-way narrow band contact for both operators.

On 14/12 with the two metre path open between Geraldton and Perth, a decision was made for VK6KZ to go portable and VK6BHT to travel to Point Moore again. Contacts were made from Rockingham (402 km), Falcon OF77 (434 km), and Bunbury OF76 (515 km). As signals were 5-78 both ways from Bunbury and it was only 2315 local time, a decision was made for VK6KZ to go further south to Busselton OF76 to provide an all-water path to Geraldton OG71. The two stations were in QSO between 1605 and 1632 UTC (0032 local) with signals peaking 5x5 both ways. QSB was very evident on the path at this time. This contact over the 545 km path is being claimed as a new WA and Australian 10 GHz distance record.

The equipment used was based on the G3WDG design. Neil VK6BHT has 70 milliwatts to a 570 mm dish and a judged 3 dB NF receiver with an Icom IC202 and Wally VK6KZ has 100 milliwatts to a 400 mm dish with a 4 dB NF receiver to a Yaesu FT290R.

Contacts have been made on three occasions, two of which have been from VK6BHT/p in Geraldton to the home QTH of VK6KZ OF78 in Perth. Neil is optimistic that, with his gear mounted on the roof of his home, direct contacts will be possible. It all sounds very interesting and we await the next episode.

As it turned out, the next episode was almost on the heels of the above contact and is one which should set the microwave fraternity agog with interest. The details are in the box at the left of this page.

Six Metres

The sporadic-E appears to have favoured long distance contacts this year. ZLs have been working across to VK6 Perth which is a long way, as are the contacts between the northern VK4s and ZL, also VK6 to VK4 which are not that common. On 7/11 stations were copied here from VK, ZL, P29 and a single JA at 0636. 12/11: ZLs and at 0925 on 40.000 MHz there were telephone signals at 90

degrees. The next four weeks produced the usual VK2s, VK4s and many VK6s and ZLs. On 26/12 at 2350 I was able to hear both sides of a contact between VK6AKT and ZL2KT and ZL3TLG. ZL3s again on 29/12. Two metre Es contacts appear to have been scarce.

Two metre tropo contacts have been reasonably consistent between VK5 and VK3 and VK7. The VK7RNW beacon at Lonah is a good indicator of conditions as is VK3RGL at Geelong both of which are regulars at VK5LP. The VK3RMV beacon near Hamilton is usually S1 most days from the rear of its antenna although on 29/12 at 1000 it was S5. We still miss the VK5RSE beacon at Mount Gambier and the Melbourne beacon remains a mystery as to why it cannot be heard in VK5.

On 21/11 Norm VK3DUT reported JAS from 0530 and worked JR2HCB, JE2DWZ, JH1WHS with much QSB. 7/11: VK5BC, VK3OT, VK4ZAL, VK2YDC, VK6AS. At 0650 heard P29PL and P29ZFS working VK8GF. At 0810 ZL3s, then at 1250 worked VK5ZEE and VK5ZBK. Reasonable opening on 13/11 between 0230 and 0340 with VK4ZBV, VK4AMJ, VK4LE, VK4NW, VK2GJC, VK2BMX, VK4KHG. At 0800 to ZL4TBN, ZL3TIC, ZL4LV, ZL3ADT, ZL3NW and ZL2AQR until 1145. Thanks to VK3OT for the above information.

It is with regret that I announce the passing of Keith Laws VK2BKL on 23/10/94. Keith was an ardent six metre operator and will be missed. He came on the air on 2/12/1958 as VK22VL. It appears from my log book that I worked him for the first time on 8/1/65.

Jordan to USA

In the December 1994 issue of *Amateur Radio* I mentioned the 10,000 km contact between Jordan and the US and was seeking more details. They were already in the October issue of *Six News* but I missed them.

The station worked was WD4KPD and the contact took place at 2145 on 9 June 1994. After a long day, Geoff G4JCD and Nick G3KOX were laying on their beds, shattered. The CQ keyer was calling every 30 seconds on 50.110 but the band was silent. Suddenly, a weak CW station broke through the noise and was quickly identified as WD4KPD, but the completion of the QSO took about ten minutes due to deep QSB. Nick then phoned W4OO who alerted US operators but no other US stations were heard during the whole trip. A few minutes after the contact PA and ON were worked before the band finally closed for the evening.

From the American side it is understood that 6 m was open to CU and 48.250/48.242 MHz video was audible in many eastern states. WD4KPD is in

FM15mm, a distance of 9775 km from Amman! He runs a Yaesu FT726R, TESystems amplifier with 140 watts output to a 7 element beam 25 feet high and surrounded by trees. There can be no suggestion of trans-equatorial propagation link-up due to the east-west path, so it looks like at least four hop sporadic-E. This contact was both unexpected and amazing! So now you have the details.

Neil G0JHC in his letter said: *I think it is very important with multi-hop Es that at least one of the stations to be very high above sea level. If you look at the best contacts made each summer from Europe, most of them are from FB locations. In Amman, Jordan we were 3000 feet ASL and the antenna a further 200 feet AGL with a clear take-off to the horizon. If we all lived in places like that I'm sure there would be many more reported QSOs around 10,000 km. Hil*

In the light of the above comment there is little hope for VK5LP being the better end of a contact. My house sits about two metres ASL despite being 15 km from the coast, and the antenna is 20 metres high!

EME Contest

Al Rechner VK5EK participated in the ARRL EME Contest in October and November 1994 in the two metres section. Al is running 8x10 element Yagis each 4.6 metres long, in two horizontal rows of 4 spaced 3.7 metres vertically and 2.7 metres horizontally. Each array should give a gain of 12 dB and the whole array about 20 dB. The Yagi design is from the *ARRL VHF Handbook* and fed with open wire line.

Al's VXO frequency controlled transmitter uses a pair of 4-125As driven by a QEO6/40. He uses a BF981 pre-amplifier in front of a valve converter (E88CC cascade/6AK5 mixer) to a TS850 with about 200 Hz bandpass.

He said: *The contest occupied the weekends of 29/30 October and 26/27 November and on both days of the second weekend the 150 foot radio telescope at Algonquin in Canada was in use with the callsign VE3ONT. On the first weekend Al worked K5GW, I2FAK, HB9CRQ, W5UN and KB8RQ. All stations were in the lowest 20 KHz of the two metre band. The legendary W5UN who runs 48 Yagis was much weaker than expected. On the second weekend Al worked SM5FRH and KB8RQ, plus VE3ONT, K5GW and I2FAK each twice.*

The European stations were worked just before moonset, about mid-day local time both weekends. The USA was worked just after moonrise, about 3 am local time both weekends. Clear skies allowed the antenna to be aimed visually on most

occasions with strong signals. When the sky was overcast Al relied on computer antenna directional calibrations.

Another EME participant was **Chris VK5MC** who operated on 432 and 1296 MHz. 29/10: on 432 Chris worked SM4IVE 559/559 and J44BLC 449/449; on 1296 EA6/DF5JJ M/Q, OZ4MM 449/559, LA8LF O/O, AA6WI O/O, WB5LUA 449/449, 30/10: 432 DL9KR 549/559, 15MPK 569/559, F1FEN O/559, OH2PO 559/559, 1296: F1ANH 439/439.

26/11: 432 OE5JFL 559/559, DL3BGG O/O, N4GJV O/O, VK3UM 549/449; 1296 AA6WI 539/539, N21QU O/O. 27/11: 432 G4RGK O/O, K1FO 549/559; 1296 OE5JFL O/O, ZS6AXT O/O, OE9XXI 549/559, HB9BBD O/O, K2UYH 559/549.

The stations were contacted using a 6 metre dish with dual mode feedhorn on 1296 which has a pair of dipoles for vertical and horizontal operation on 432 MHz mounted around the 1296 MHz feed. Chris said it was interesting to see the difference the polarisation switch had on signals, sometimes the signals disappeared completely. Despite the late (or early) hours he enjoyed the contest.

Doug VK3UM was another participant in the EME contests, although an equipment blow-up on the first weekend made it difficult with a power reduction to 50 watts! All contacts were on 432 MHz. 29/10: 0000 to 0213 — DL9KR, JA9BOH, JA4BLC, DL9NDD, JA5OVU, F1FEN, OE5JFL; 1635 to 1756 — K1FO, N4GJV, W7FN, K0RZ, N21QU, VE1ZJ, W0KJY, K1RQG, NC11, WA6BJE, KB8ZW, K2OS.

26/11: 0000 to 0045 — DJ6MB, SM4IVE, OH2PO, OK1CA, DF6NA, UR4LL, G3SEK; 1524 to 2350 — W0RAP, K4QIF, WA4NJP, W2UHI, N4PZ, WA7BBM, K3LFO, W7HAH, W8TN, VK5MC, JA4BLC, UR4LX, UA6LGH, UT5EC, S57QM.

27/11: 0004 to 0145 — UT4DL, S5IZO, I2COR, ON4NGK, ON4OF, G4RGK, F5MZN, SP5CJJ; 1545 to 1823 — KD4LT, WB2VJV, VE1ALQ, JA7UIQ, KB4HH, JA2JRJ, WA6BJE. Doug had a pleasing total of 56 contacts with 29 multipliers.

Antarctica

Darin VK0IX (VK5IX) is at the Casey Base for about 12 months. He has a six metre beacon VK0IX on 50.200 but it seems delays with the off-loading of the six metre antenna and/or equipment may have prevented early December operating which probably would have provided the best conditions for a contact to Australia. Darin's QSL Manager is VK5PO. All that anyone can do is call and listen and hope that there is someone at the VK0 end if your signals reach that far.

I mentioned last month that Mike K6MYC would be on the Antarctic

continent from 1612 to late January hoping to work 6 and 2 metres EME. A message from Steve VK3OT said that up to 25/12 they had made two EME contacts on 144 MHz but so far nothing had eventuated on six metres. A late message says that Mike has worked a further six stations in the US. On 3/1/95 at 0645 VK3ATQ reported that he heard Mike's six metre beacon on 50.0099 MHz. Mike's output power is a maximum of 600 watts.

Apart from EME usage, there seems no reason why Antarctica should not be worked via Es as the distance from Melbourne is not much greater than from Perth to New Zealand and contacts have been made to there on a number of occasions including this December.

Canberra signals

Ron VK3AFW sent a Fax to say that on 4/12 he had worked Ian VK1BG via aircraft enhancement on 144.2 and 432.2. Ian informed Ron that for several years he had been trying to work Ross VK2DVZ at Taree on 1296 MHz and had succeeded that morning. At 2030 he heard Ross's 1296 MHz beacon at S7 and for some time tried to contact Ross using telephone and two metres.

After half an hour Ross appeared on two metres at 5x9 plus and worked Ian and Eddie VK1VP. They did the same on 432 where signals were also 5x9. Another QSY to 1296 brought Q5 and easy QSOs for both Ian and Eddie. The distance is about 490 km. Doug VK3UM heard Ross on 432 and Ross heard Doug but, despite their best efforts, no complete QSO resulted. Their distance is about 920 km and crosses the lower part of the Great Divide as well.

These happenings occurred as a result of a large tropo duct stretching along the entire coast of NSW and penetrating about 100 km inland, resulting in considerable congestion on 144.200.

A further set of good conditions on the morning of 18/12 resulted in Eddie VK1VP working Ross VK2DVZ on 1296, to be followed shortly after by Ian VK1BG doing the same. Contacts ensued on 1296, 432 and 144 MHz with 1296 providing stronger signals than 432. Ross also copied the VK1 1296 beacon which runs about 1.5 watts to a crossed dipole.

Ron also advised that on 16/12 Charlie VK3BRZ in Lara and VK3FPG in Melbourne worked VK6APZ and VK6ATS at Esperance on 144 MHz. The latter station was running 25 watts to a two element quad. Charlie also worked VK6APZ on 432 MHz. On the morning of 17/12 David VK3AUU worked VK6AS at Esperance. These represent contacts over a considerable distance.

News from Europe

Ted Collins G4UPS said conditions were generally poor during November and often contacts are limited to his regular skeds with SM7AED and G3CCH. Of interest to us, on 8 November at 0825 he copied the VK5WI beacon on 28 MHz at 559 during rain conditions.

For November contacts were made with, or signals were heard from, 2E1DC, 4N1SIX/b, G0GKC, G3HBR, G3OMH, G4SZM, G5JJ, G8WZA, G83BUX/b, G83LER/b, G83MCB/b, G83NHQ/b, G83RMK/b, I2WSG, IK1EGC, OH1SIX/b, OZ2LD, OZ5IQ, OZ6VHF/b, OZ7DX, OZ7IGY/b. The list includes seven beacons and, after taking out six G stations, the pickings have been poor, something akin to our six metre conditions in May.

Courtesy of Roger Harrison VK2ZRH comes a list of beacons in the IARU Region 1 area and includes 46 beacons on 50 MHz, 9 on 70 MHz, 74 on 144, 78 on 432, 85 on 1296, 37 on 2320, 6 on 3456, 6 on 5760, 42 on 10 GHz and 11 on 24 GHz. The beacons appear to be widely scattered through Europe, nearby islands and Africa so no matter where you live there exists the possibility of having a beacon within range of your receiver!

Silent Keys

Due to space demands obituaries should be no longer than 200 words.

The WIA regrets to announce the recent passing of:-

J E	THOMPSON	VK2AHT
M L T (Jim)	RUDDER	VK2DCF
E	MEYERINK	VK2PUM
J A	CORDINGLEY	VK3DCK
R D	TAYLOR	VK4NBD
J K	BARTHOLOMEW	VK4YJB
H E	VIVIAN	VK5FO
W R	FRANZI	VK5FR
W (Bill)	RUSSELL	VK5WR
D C	LEDGARD	VK5ZLE

Jim Rudder VK2DCF

Jim Rudder passed away, in Sydney's Westmead Hospital, during the early hours of 22 December 1994, some four months after the onset of a vaguely defined illness, at first thought to be a heart attack. He was 78 years of age.

Jim, returning to "civvy" life after war service in Signals, became an active member of the original Gladesville and District Experimental Radio Club in Sydney and obtained his original call of VK2AJR in 1946.

After some years, a competing interest in archery, in which he and his wife Dawn

The Calling frequency

For a long time I have been exhorting amateurs to remember that 50.110 MHz is the international DX calling frequency.

It gives me a degree of pleasure to say that my observations on six metres this summer Es season indicate that, almost without exception, after initiating a contact on 50.110 amateurs are moving to other frequencies. This is good and you are to be applauded. Please keep it going. For some reason, about the only exceptions now are a few CW operators who still persist in holding QSOs there, sometimes multiple QSOs. Why? I thought all transceivers had tuning mechanisms!

Closure

I hope the sporadic-E season was good to you and that you were able to join in the fun of the Field Day contacts.

Closing with two thoughts for the month:

1. The chief drawback to New Year's resolutions is that a wife always remembers her husband's, and
2. Mincing your words makes it easier if you have to eat them later.

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were enthusiastic participants, and in quality cars (initially the Armstrong Siddeley, then the Triumph and latterly, as befitted increasing maturity, the Volvo) caused him to turn temporarily from amateur radio and allow his original call to lapse.

A serious motor accident, which left him with some physical handicaps reducing his mobility, no doubt contributed to his return to amateur radio and he again took out a call sign, VK2DCF, which he held until his death.

A few years after the war Jim joined the (former) PMG's Department as a temporary technician, progressing to permanency, achievement of Senior Technician's qualifications, and ultimately switching to the Department's Training organisation where, for many years, he actively participated in the training of future technicians, until his retirement.

Jim's wife, Dawn, passed away some seven years ago, but he is survived by his four children, Patricia, Tony, Christopher and Mark, and we extend our deepest sympathy to them and their families.

Ken Andrew VK2ATK

Ken Millin VK7KA

On Saturday, 26 November 1994, at 7.30 pm in the Repat hospital, Ken Millin VK7KA passed away peacefully. Ken made a long-time impact on amateur radio, as his name on the officials' board on the wall in the clubroom at the Domain will testify, secretary from 1957 to 1962.

He was a member of the radio amateurs old-timers' club and an avid CW operator. But it was not only in amateur radio that he made his mark. Ken was a skilled motor mechanic, having trained at Hobart Tech, and worked for some time for Shell. He was born in the UK, in Maidenhead, and came out to Australia as a child. Before the war, Ken joined the Naval Reserve and, when war broke out, he went into the Royal Australian Navy, spending some time on the minesweeper HMAS Warrungul. He also worked as an ERA on small boats in Darwin.

Post war, the family business was the Moonah Automotive Repair Shop where Ken, of course, used his skills. He also worked equipment for the Mines Department, and on drilling.

Sailing was another of his hobbies, and he built and raced a Tamar dinghy with his daughters June and Mary. Then the 34-foot yacht "Melita", a Piet Hein design he raced with Bellerive Yacht Club and finally there was "Runaway" which, with his son Norman, he took into the Sydney/Hobart, and finished!

Before we get to the amateur radio side, we must mention that Ken also learned to fly and, post war, went solo!

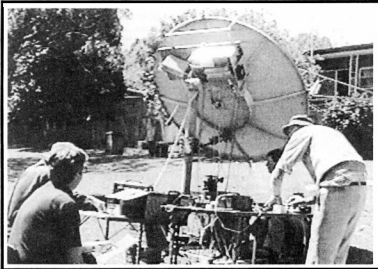
Ken's radio exploits included building an AM transmitter in a cabinet which was also expertly built, 6 feet high and 19 inches wide, for 10 to 80 metres and, to top it all off, he constructed a beautifully designed paddle for an electronic keyer. In 1958/9, in the international sphere, Ken came third in the Australia/New Zealand DX contest and compiled a score of 10,764 points in the American Worldwide CW contest. Quite a deal of progress from the first two watt CW transmitter he built when licensed in 1948, when his first contact was Ted VK7GB.

A full page about Ken appeared in "The Tasmanian Mason" in June 1993 and that brings to light yet another facet of this very talented person who will be very much missed. Our sympathy goes to all his family from his many colleagues in the amateur radio service.

Attending Ken's funeral were amateur operators VK7LE, 7FE, 7EB, 7LS, 7AL, 7FM, 7RX, 7RO, 7GB, 7KS and 7CH.

John Rogers VK7JK
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QSP News



VK2ALU's New 10 GHz World Record

Details of the new world record on 10 GHz appeared on pages 39 and 49 of last month's *Amateur Radio* magazine. No photographs were taken during the test, but the above picture was taken from a frame of a video taken by Les Holmes.

Lyle VK2ALU is leaning over and keying the transmitter. John VK2XGJ is on Lyle's left, calling out dish azimuth and elevation readings to David VK2YKQ (beneath the dish) who kept the dish pointed at the moon for the test.

Robert VK2SRB (hidden behind VK2XGJ) is monitoring the transmit frequency on an 18 GHz frequency counter (borrowed for the day — not now available!) so that the transmit frequency of 10,368.100 MHz could be accurately maintained by adjustment of the transmitter IF injection frequency at 144 MHz from an FT290R.

NZART Morse Code Policy

As the result of a survey conducted in 1993, to which 31% of their members responded, the NZART, the WIA's sister society in New Zealand, has established the

following policy in regard to Morse code.

The policy is:

1. That NZART support the continuation of Morse Code as an entry test for full amateur radio privileges.
2. That NZART support the retention of the current standards of 12 wpm for full privileges and 6 wpm for Novice.
3. That NZART seek a relaxed Morse Code examination environment that will encourage candidates and realistically test their ability.
4. That NZART oppose any move to isolate our licence from the standards set out in the ITU Radio Regulations and accepted for CEPT and reciprocity.
5. That until a change is made in the ITU International Radio Regulations, NZART request that the Ministry of Commerce retain the Morse Code requirement (the Ministry of Commerce is the New Zealand Administration).
6. That should moves be made by the IARU to delete Morse Code as an entry point under the ITU Radio Regulations, NZART seriously consider supporting such action.

Pounding Brass

Stephen P Smith VK2SPS*

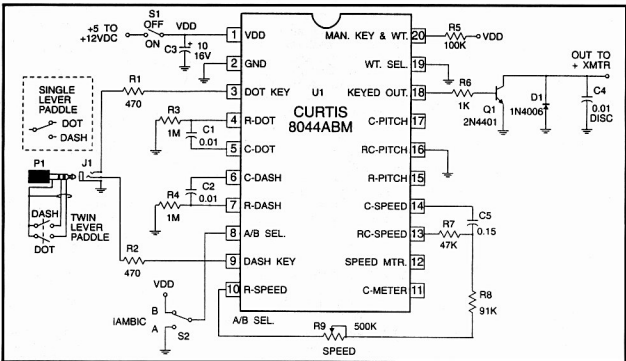


Fig 1.

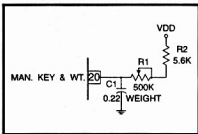


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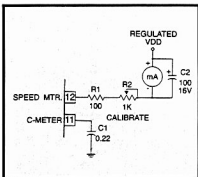


Fig 3.

In this issue I have included three circuits relating to the 8044ABM chip, which should be used in conjunction with the last two editions of *Pounding Brass*.

If, for some reason, you missed these copies of *Amateur Radio*, drop me a line and I will send you a copy of the related article(s).

The circuits included here are the main keyer in its most simple form (Fig 1), the weight control (pin 20) in Fig 2, and the code speedometer (pins 11 and 12) in Fig 3.

Good luck with your experimentation.

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WIA News

Further Concessions Sought for 50 MHz Band

The WIA is negotiating with the Spectrum Management Agency (SMA) for further concessions regarding the 50-52 MHz section of the 6 m band, which is subject to a variety of restrictions.

A detailed submission has been developed in consultation between operators who use this segment of the band and Federal Technical Advisory Committee Chairman, John Martin VK3KWA.

Among concessions sought are permission to use the lower 50 kHz, from 50.00 to 50.05 MHz, use of the segment 50.2-50.3 MHz in restricted areas in the Eastern states, and use of "constant carrier" modes such as frequency-shift keying (FSK), with a suitable power limit.

Restrictions currently in force for the 50-52 MHz segment of 6 m are detailed in the current Call Book.

The WIA is working towards a positive resolution in 1995.

No Pressure on 2 m and 70 cm Bands for 2000 Olympics

At a meeting on 5 December last year, the Spectrum Management Agency (SMA) gave assurances to the WIA that the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games was not planning to apply for temporary use of all or part of the 144-148 MHz and 420-450 MHz amateur bands.

Executive manager of the SMA's Customer Services Group, Peter Stackpole (VK1RX) told the WIA that, after recent discussions with the Sydney Organising Committee, there was no hint of any impact on amateur bands. The Sydney Organising Committee had little requirement for spectrum space, he said, and what they were planning was covered by existing allocations. The WIA raised the issue with the SMA as there had been persistent rumours circulating that the 2 m and 70 cm bands might be required for the Olympics, even if on a temporary basis. French amateurs lost the use of their 144-146 MHz band during the Winter Olympics held there several years ago.

The WIA has arranged with the SMA that, in future, where amateur bands are affected by any proposals for use of spectrum, the WIA will be consulted at the time.

An Australian Amateur Band on VLF?

The WIA is progressing with negotiations with the Spectrum Management Agency (SMA) for an allocation in the 160 to 190 kHz region for Australian radio amateurs. Secondary use for amateurs is being sought for this band, which is presently used by radio navigation services.

The SMA told the WIA at a meeting on 5 December last year that they had written to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) who have responsibility for primary services

operating in this band, seeking their comments on the WIA's proposal. The CAA is yet to reply.

New Zealand amateurs are permitted to use the band 165-190 kHz, also known as 1800 metres, with a power limit of 5 W effective radiated power. A few Australian amateurs have taken out experimental licences with the SMA and are conducting transmission and propagation experiments with homebrew equipment.

The WIA will continue negotiations with the SMA in an effort to obtain access to the 1800 metre band for Australian amateurs.

LEO Satellites Boom

Low Earth Orbiting satellites (LEOs) will figure in global communications networks by the year 2000, according to an American academic.

Addressing the 1994 Australian Telecommunications Networks and Applications Conference held in Melbourne in the first week of December, Professor Bezalel Gavish of the Vanderbilt University in America, said that LEO systems would enable telecommunications providers to target any region in the world as a market.

Several telecommunications systems employing LEO satellite technology were in the planning stages, he said, and are expected to be operational by the turn of the century. The Iridium and Globalstar systems are among them.

Radio amateurs pioneered LEO satellite technology with the OSCAR series of satellites launched over the past three decades, joined in recent years by the British UoSATs, Russian RS-series, Korean and Japanese amateur satellites.

Orbiting at heights between 700 and 1500 km above the Earth, Professor Garvish says the LEO telecommunications systems had

the potential to cause problems as they would enable network users to bypass local regulatory authorities.

Such LEO systems would cost some \$AUS 5-13 billion to establish, Professor Garvish predicted.

New WIA Members

The WIA bids a warm welcome to the following new members who were entered into the WIA Membership Register during the month of December 1994:

L20985	MR C M BRAMLEY
L20987	MR D W BUTLER
L20989	MR T G MACARTNEY
L50330	MR T DULNOAN
L60336	MR J BOUHLAS
L60339	MR P G DEAN
L70127	MR R J HANCOCK
VK2DEB	MR H SANDER
VK2GVV	MR A W MCKAY
VK2NPH	MR P G HANNA
VK2SEX	MR J PETRUSINSKI
VK2SHA	MR S L MARGERY
VK2SIL	MR N L DA SILVA
VK2TRL	MR R J LYNCH
VK2VDS	MR R DAVIS
VK2VLI	MR M G WOJTYNSKI
VK2ZJB	MR J D BRITTON
VK3VWH	MR J B HARVEY
VK4BEL	MR B E LEECH
VK4CCV	MR P G MOSCATT
VK4JWG	MR J W GILLESPIE
VK4MAA	MR K J CARTER
VK4NCH	MR K I FIRTH
VK4PFV	MR P F VICARS
VK5CI	MR P E ALLEN
VK5EDM	MR E MERTENS
VK5KDT	MR D R MADISON
VK5VE	MR W N THOMAS
VK6JRD	MR R A DE VRIES
VK6KMJ	MR M H JACKSON
VK6QC	PARAQUAD CENTRE
VK6ZW	MR T J JONES

Sign up a new member today — we need the numbers to protect our frequencies and privileges.

HF PREDICTIONS

Evan Jarman VK3ANI

The Tables Explained

The tables provide estimates of signal strength for each hour of the UTC day for five of the bands between 7 and 28 MHz. The UTC hour is the first column; the second column lists the predicted MUF (maximum useable frequency); the third column the signal strength in dB relative to 1 μ V (dBu) at the MUF; the fourth column lists the "frequency of optimum travail" (FOT), or the optimum working frequency as it is more generally known.

The signal strengths are all shown in dB relative to a reference of 1 μ V in 50 Ohms at the receiver antenna input. The table below relates these figures to the amateur S-point "standard" where S9 is 50 μ V at the receiver's input and the S-meter scale is 6 dB per S-point.

V in 50 ohms	S-points	dB(μ V)
50.00	S9	34
25.00	S8	28
12.50	S7	22
6.25	S6	16
3.12	S5	10
1.56	S4	4

0.78	S3	2
0.39	S2	-8
0.20	S1	-14

The tables are generated by the GRAPH-DX program from FT Promotions, assuming 100 W transmitter power output, modest beam antennas (eg three element Yagi or cubical quad) and a short-term forecast of the sunspot number. Actual solar and geomagnetic activity will affect results observed.

The three regions cover stations within the following areas:
VK EAST The major part of NSW and Queensland.
VK SOUTH Southern-NSW, VK3, VK5 and VK7.
VK WEST The south-west of Western Australia.

Likewise, the overseas terminals cover substantial regions (eg "Europe" covers most of Western Europe and the UK).
 The sunspot number used in these calculations is 21.0. The predicted value for March is 20.1.

VK SOUTH — SOUTH PACIFIC

UTC	MUF	dBu	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9
1	17.0	16	13.8	-7	20	13	4	-10
2	17.3	16	14.2	-6	21	14	5	-9
3	17.3	16	14.2	-3	21	14	5	-9
4	17.3	17	14.2	2	23	15	6	-8
5	17.3	18	14.1	9	25	16	6	-9
6	17.1	20	13.9	21	27	17	6	-10
7	16.6	23	13.5	36	30	18	5	-12
8	15.8	25	12.8	45	31	18	5	-11
9	14.6	27	11.7	47	28	11	-5	-28
10	13.4	28	10.7	49	25	5	-13	-39
11	12.5	29	10.0	49	21	-2	-23	-
12	11.7	30	9.3	46	17	-7	-31	-
13	11.2	31	8.9	47	14	-12	-38	-
14	10.7	31	8.4	46	11	-17	-	-
15	10.2	32	8.0	46	7	-23	-	-
16	9.7	33	7.4	45	4	-28	-	-
17	9.3	33	7.1	43	0	-35	-	-
18	9.0	33	6.8	42	0	-38	-	-
19	8.7	34	7.0	28	0	-31	-	-
20	10.9	19	8.1	15	8	-14	-36	-
21	13.2	17	9.9	8	15	0	-15	-38
22	15.1	17	11.6	1	18	8	-3	-21
23	16.2	16	12.7	-3	20	11	1	-14
24	16.7	16	13.3	-6	20	13	3	-12

VK WEST — SOUTH PACIFIC

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4	21.1	13	17.3	-33	17	17	13	5
5	21.1	14	17.3	-24	19	19	14	6
6	21.1	15	17.2	-11	23	21	15	6
7	20.8	17	16.0	13	25	23	17	6
8	20.1	20	15.2	26	32	25	17	6
9	18.7	23	15.0	41	35	25	15	1
10	17.5	25	13.8	45	34	22	15	1
11	15.8	26	12.6	47	32	18	5	-12
12	14.9	28	11.9	49	30	15	1	-18
13	14.2	28	11.2	48	28	12	-3	-24
14	13.7	29	10.6	47	25	9	-8	-30
15	12.9	30	10.1	47	24	6	-11	-35
16	12.4	30	9.6	47	22	3	-16	-
17	11.6	32	8.8	46	20	0	-20	-
18	11.1	32	8.4	45	17	5	-26	-
19	10.9	26	8.2	31	13	-7	-28	-
20	11.4	21	8.5	17	13	-4	-22	-
21	13.4	17	10.5	1	15	4	-8	-28
22	16.2	14	12.2	-15	16	11	0	-21
23	18.6	14	14.2	-26	17	14	8	-2
24	19.9	13	15.5	-34	16	15	11	2

VK WEST — AFRICA

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14	21.3	14	16.6	-1	13	10	3	-18
15	21.3	14	16.6	-1	13	10	3	-18
16	21.3	14	16.6	-1	13	10	3	-18
17	21.3	14	16.6	-1	13	10	3	-18
18	21.3	14	16.6	-1	13	10	3	-18
19	21.3	14	16.6	-1	13	10	3	-18
20	21.3	14	16.6	-1	13	10	3	-18
21	21.3	14	16.6	-1	13	10	3	-18
22	21.3	14	16.6	-1	13	10	3	-18
23	21.3	14	16.6	-1	13	10	3	-18
24	21.3	14	16.6	-1	13	10	3	-18

VK EAST — AFRICA

UTC	MUF	dBu	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9
1	12.0	14	8.9	5	10	-12	-31	-
2	12.0	10	9.0	-14	9	0	-12	-31
3	14.5	9	11.4	-32	9	5	-2	-15
4	16.5	10	13.4	-	9	10	6	-1
5	19.5	8	13.8	-	6	9	7	0
6	19.6	8	14.0	-	5	8	6	0
7	19.6	8	13.9	-	4	8	6	0
8	19.4	8	13.8	-	5	8	6	0
9	19.1	8	13.5	-	6	9	6	-1
10	18.3	10	12.9	-	9	10	5	-3
11	17.1	11	12.0	-36	11	9	4	-6
12	15.7	12	11.0	-21	13	8	0	-12
13	14.3	14	10.0	-6	15	6	-4	-19
14	13.3	18	9.2	10	16	4	-9	-28
15	12.5	23	8.7	27	18	2	-14	-36
16	11.8	26	8.2	34	17	-1	-19	-
17	11.2	28	7.8	38	15	-5	-25	-
18	10.8	29	7.5	40	14	-9	-30	-
19	10.5	30	7.4	40	12	-11	-33	-
20	10.7	30	7.5	41	13	-9	-31	-
21	11.0	29	7.6	41	15	-7	-27	-
22	10.6	25	7.4	30	11	-9	-30	-
23	10.6	20	7.4	18	9	-9	-28	-
24	11.3	16	8.0	7	10	-5	-21	-

VK SOUTH — AFRICA

UTC	MUF	dBu	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9
1	18.6	11	14.9	-	12	12	7	-2
2	19.1	11	15.5	-	11	12	8	0
3	19.2	11	16.2	-	17	13	9	1
4	19.7	12	16.3	-	12	13	9	2
5	19.8	12	16.2	-	13	14	10	2
6	19.7	13	16.1	-39	15	15	10	2
7	19.4	17	15.4	-21	16	16	11	1
8	18.8	16	15.3	-7	22	18	11	0
9	17.8	21	14.4	28	30	20	10	-4
10	16.6	23	13.4	39	30	17	5	-11
11	15.2	24	12.2	42	27	12	-2	-22
12	14.1	25	11.2	45	24	6	-10	-34
13	13.3	25	10.6	46	21	1	-17	-
14	12.7	26	10.1	46	18	-3	-24	-
15	12.2	26	9.6	45	16	-8	-30	-
16	11.6	26	9.1	44	12	-13	-37	-
17	11.1	26	8.6	43	9	-18	-	-
18	10.5	27	8.1	41	4	-26	-	-
19	9.8	25	8.5	35	-18	-	-	-
20	8.1	26	6.3	32	-29	-	-	-
21	11.5	20	8.8	30	7	-17	-	-
22	14.6	16	11.3	3	17	6	-6	-24
23	17.0	13	13.2	-20	16	11	4	-8
24	18.2	12	14.3	-34	14	12	6	-3

VK SOUTH — ASIA

UTC	MUF	dBu	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9
1	18.6	11	14.9	-	12	12	7	-2
2	19.1	11	15.5	-	11	12	8	0
3	19.2	11	16.2	-	17	13	9	1
4	19.7	12	16.3	-	12	13	9	2
5	19.8	12	16.2	-	13	14	10	2
6	19.7	13	16.1	-39	15	15	10	2
7	19.4	17	15.4	-21	16	16	11	1
8	18.8	16	15.3	-7	22	18	11	0
9	17.8	21	14.4	28	30	20	10	-4
10	16.6	23	13.4	39	30	17	5	-11
11	15.2	24	12.2	42	27	12	-2	-22
12	14.1	25	11.2	45	24	6	-10	-34
13	13.3	25	10.6	46	21	1	-17	-
14	12.7	26	10.1	46	18	-3	-24	-
15	12.2	26	9.6	45	16	-8	-30	-
16	11.6	26	9.1	44	12	-13	-37	-
17	11.1	26	8.6	43	9	-18	-	-
18	10.5	27	8.1	41	4	-26	-	-
19	9.8	25	8.5	35	-18	-	-	-
20	8.1	26	6.3	32	-29	-	-	-
21	11.5	20	8.8	30	7	-17	-	-
22	14.6	16	11.3	3	17	6	-6	-24
23	17.0	13	13.2	-20	16	11	4	-8
24	18.2	12	14.3	-34	14	12	6	-3

VK WEST — ASIA

1	21.9	15	17.4	-29	20	20	16	8
2	22.5	14	18.1	-38	18	19	19	9
3	23.7	13	18.1	-47	17	20	17	11
4	24.5	13	18.6	-	17	20	18	13
5	25.2	14	19.2	-	18	21	19	14
6	26.2	15	20.0	-39	20	20	23	12
7	26.2	16	21.3	-29	21	25	23	18
8	25.4	17	20.8	-15	26	27	24	18
9	24.4	18	19.9	-6	31	29	24	17
10	23.0	21	19.1	42	40	33	26	16
11	22.2	23	18.2	50	47	35	23	13
12	19.8	23	15.9	50	38	28	18	5
13	18.4	23	14.7	51	36	24	13	-2
14	17.6	23	14.0	51	35	21	9	-7
15	16.8	24	13.3	50	34	18	5	-10
16	16.0	24	13.0	50	31	15	-	-19
17	15.1	24	11.9	49	28	11	-5	-26
18	14.3	25	11.1	48	25	6	-11	-35
19	13.1	25	10.2	47	19	-2	-23	-43
20	12.0	25	7.7	45	15	-	-	-
21	9.0	26	7.0	37	-17	-	-	-
22	13.0	22	10.1	39	18	-5	-26	-40
23	18.0	17	13.9	2	23	16	8	-5

VK EAST — EUROPE										VK SOUTH — EUROPE										VK WEST — EUROPE											
UTC	MUF	dBu	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9		UTC	MUF	dBu	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9		UTC	MUF	dBu	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9			
1	9.7	1	7.3	-28	2	-8	-20	...		1	8.9	7	6.8	-26	0	-12	-26	...		1	8.5	-18	6.6	-38	-3	-11	-23	...			
2	8.5	-11	6.7	-28	0	-13	-29	...		2	9.0	-2	6.9	-18	0	-14	-30	...		2	8.5	-14	6.6	-31	-3	-13	-27	...			
3	8.5	-14	6.7	-33	0	-12	-26	...		3	8.9	2	6.9	-10	0	-16	-34	...		3	8.5	-11	6.6	-31	-3	-13	-27	...			
4	10.0	-14	10.2	0	-6	-17	-30	...		4	10.7	-8	8.2	-20	0	-14	-34	...		4	10.7	-8	8.2	-20	0	-14	-34	...			
5	12.3	3	10.2	0	0	-3	-9	...		5	13.9	1	11.1	...	0	-14	-15	...		5	14.5	2	11.8	...	1	-1	-14	...			
6	15.8	2	12.6	0	0	-3	-9	...		6	17.3	3	13.8	...	-3	3	1	-4	...		6	18.4	5	14.8	...	0	5	3	-3	...	
7	18.1	5	14.5	0	0	5	-2	...		7	19.6	5	15.8	...	-4	4	5	0	...		7	21.0	6	16.9	...	-1	6	6	2	...	
8	15.8	8	16.9	0	0	8	-3	...		8	20.3	7	16.6	...	-5	5	6	0	...		8	22.5	8	18.3	...	-1	7	7	5	...	
9	20.8	11	16.9	...	9	13	11	5	...		9	19.8	8	16.1	...	0	7	7	3	...		9	23.6	8	19.3	...	0	9	10	7	...
10	20.9	15	16.9	-31	18	18	15	8	...		10	18.8	10	15.2	...	6	10	8	1	...		10	22.9	10	18.6	...	3	11	11	7	...
11	19.3	18	15.5	-6	23	20	14	5	...		11	17.5	12	14.1	...	12	12	7	-1	...		11	21.6	11	18.0	...	9	13	12	7	...
12	17.9	21	14.3	14	27	20	12	1	...		12	16.1	16	12.9	-18	3	-7	12	0	...		12	20.2	14	16.3	-29	17	17	17	12	...
13	17.1	23	13.8	26	29	20	11	-2	...		13	14.8	21	11.8	14	22	12	1	-14	...		13	18.6	18	15.0	-2	24	19	12	1	...
14	16.3	25	12.9	36	30	20	9	-6	...		14	14.0	25	11.1	33	25	11	-2	-22	...		14	17.2	21	13.8	26	28	19	10	-3	...
15	15.5	26	12.3	41	30	18	6	-10	...		15	13.3	27	10.5	38	24	8	-17	-20	...		15	16.4	23	13.1	36	29	18	7	-12	...
16	14.7	27	11.5	44	29	15	2	-16	...		16	12.7	28	10.0	42	23	5	-34	-34	...		16	15.7	25	12.4	41	29	17	4	-12	...
17	13.5	27	10.6	43	24	7	-9	-31	...		17	12.2	29	9.5	42	21	2	-16	...		17	15.0	26	12.0	44	28	14	1	-17	...	
18	11.8	28	9.2	41	17	-3	-23	...		18	11.7	29	9.0	42	19	-1	-20	...		18	13.4	26	10.4	43	23	5	-11	-34	...		
19	10.5	29	8.2	39	10	-15	-38	...		19	10.9	29	8.5	40	15	-6	-29	...		19	11.9	27	9.1	41	17	-9	-24	...			
20	9.8	29	7.6	38	6	-21	...		20	10.5	29	8.0	40	11	-4	-31	...		20	11.2	28	8.5	40	13	-10	-31	...				
21	9.2	27	7.1	32	3	-24	...		21	10.1	29	7.7	39	8	-17	...		21	10.8	28	8.2	40	11	-13	-36	...					
22	8.5	18	6.5	1	-27	...			22	8.3	24	6.4	25	-6	-39	...		22	9.7	28	8.4	40	10	-14	-37	...					
23	8.5	10	7.3	0	-2	-17	-37	...		23	8.5	14	7.6	11	-4	-31	...		23	10.1	28	7.8	37	6	-20	...					
24	8.6	3	7.4	-13	1	-14	-31	...		24	10.4	11	8.0	-3	5	-10	-27	...		24	9.1	19	7.1	19	0	-27	...				

VK EAST — EUROPE (long path)										VK SOUTH — EUROPE (long path)										VK WEST — EUROPE (long path)										
UTC	MUF	dBu	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9		UTC	MUF	dBu	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9		UTC	MUF	dBu	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9		
1	9.7	-3	7.3	-28	2	-8	-20	...		1	8.9	-7	6.8	-26	0	-12	-26	...		1	8.5	-18	6.6	-38	-3	-11	-23	...		
2	9.6	0	7.4	-20	2	-8	-22	...		2	9.0	-2	6.9	-18	0	-14	-30	...		2	8.5	-14	6.6	-31	-3	-13	-27	...		
3	9.6	9	7.5	-12	-6	-12	-29	...		3	8.9	2	6.9	-10	0	-16	-34	...		3	8.5	-11	6.6	-31	-3	-13	-27	...		
4	8.8	12	6.8	6	1	-18	-39	...		4	8.7	8	6.8	-1	-1	-21	...		4	8.2	-8	6.4	-18	-4	-19	-36	...			
5	8.8	23	6.9	24	-2	-22	...		5	8.0	15	6.4	14	-5	-29	...		5	7.7	-6	6.0	-10	-6	-25	...					
6	10.3	24	7.2	10	-12	-29	...		6	9.5	22	7.5	23	3	-21	...		6	7.0	8	7.1	2	-2	-7	-28	...				
7	13.2	24	10.5	31	21	6	-8	-27		7	11.9	23	9.5	31	15	-2	-20	...		7	11.2	13	8.9	6	7	-8	-24	...		
8	11.7	22	8.9	19	17	3	-10	-30		8	13.5	23	10.4	30	21	7	-26	...		8	11.2	13	8.9	6	7	-8	-24	...		
9	11.4	13	8.6	16	11	1	-11	-29		9	10.0	18	7.7	14	6	-13	-32	...		9	10.7	16	9.1	10	10	3	-18	...		
10	11.3	8	10.0	-33	8	4	-3	-15		10	11.0	8	8.9	-1	1	-17	-36	...		10	11.2	9	7.1	2	1	-17	-35	...		
11	12.5	-4	11.0	0	0	-6	-17	...		11	13.7	17	9.3	...	1	-10	-25	...		11	12.9	2	8.8	-39	3	1	-9	-22	...	
12	12.0	-9	9.3	...	-2	-1	-17	-17		12	14.1	12	-7	7.8	...	0	-3	-11	-24		12	14.2	-4	8.3	...	-1	-3	-10	-22	...
13	11.4	-13	8.8	...	-3	-2	-7	-18		13	15.7	-10	7.5	...	-1	-3	-10	-23		13	15.6	-10	8.0	...	-3	-7	-11	-22	...	
14	10.9	-17	8.3	...	-3	-2	-7	-16		14	16.1	-16	7.7	...	-2	-3	-10	-23		14	16.2	-17	7.8	...	-5	-5	-11	-22	...	
15	10.5	-19	7.9	...	-3	-3	-8	-19		15	17.3	-18	7.8	...	-2	-3	-10	-22		15	17.6	-19	7.9	...	-5	-5	-11	-23	...	
16	11.0	-16	8.2	...	-3	-2	-7	-18		16	18.9	-16	7.8	...	-3	-2	-8	-19		16	19.0	-16	7.9	...	-6	-7	-11	-25	...	
17	10.9	-9	10.2	...	-1	-1	-5	-13		17	19.2	-10	8.7	...	-5	-2	-8	-19		17	19.3	-10	8.8	...	-6	-7	-11	-25	...	
18	10.3	-5	9.8	...	-4	0	-4	-12		18	20.9	-9	9.7	...	-5	-2	-8	-14		18	21.0	-9	9.8	...	-5	-5	-10	-21	...	
19	12.2	-7	9.4	...	-2	1	-8	-18		19	21.1	-12	12.8	...	-4	-3	-9	-21		19	21.0	-17	7.4	...	-5	-5	-10	-21	...	
20	11.8	-8	8.3	...	0	-3	-11	-25		20	22.0	-14	11.7	...	-1	-5	-13	-28		20	22.0	-15	7.4	...	-11	-14	-23	-38	...	
21	10.1	-9	7.7	...	0	-5	-15	-31		21	23.4	-13	12.7	...	0	-7	-17	-32		21	23.0	-10	8.9	...	-17	-17	-24	-42	...	
24	9.8	-6	7.4	-35	1	-7	-18	-36		24	9.0	-11	6.9	-34	0	-9	-22	...		24	8.6	-30	6.6	...	-9	-16	-28	...		

VK EAST — MEDITERRANEAN										VK SOUTH — MEDITERRANEAN										VK WEST — MEDITERRANEAN									
UTC	MUF	dBu	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9		UTC	MUF	dBu	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9		UTC	MUF	dBu	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9	
1	9.1	-3	6.9	-22	0	-14	-30	...		1	9.0	0	6.9	-14	0	-17	-35	...		1	8.3	9	6.4	5	-6	-32	...		
2	8.6	-12	6.6	-31	1	-13	-28	...		2	8.6	-10	6.9	-12	0	-17	-34	...		2	8.0	10	6.4	5	-6	-30	...		
3	11.6	-4	13.5	0	0	4	2	-5		3	11.6	-2	8.6	...	1	3	-13	-29		3	10.7	1	7.9	-26	1	-10	-25	...	
4	17.4	4	13.5	0	0	4	2	-5		4	18.0	5	13.9	...	1	5	3	-4		4	16.2	6	12.5	...	6	5	-1	-12	...
5	7.2	7	12.7	0	0	4	2	-5		5	21.7	-2	7.4	...	2	7	7	2		5	21.1	-1	15.8	...	1	1	-15	-8	...
6	25.0	8	19.0	...	-3	7	10	8		6	21.2	6	17.4	...	-4	5	6	3		6	21.4	8	17.1	...	2	9	8	4	...
7	25.7	9	19.6	...	-3	8	10	9		7	21.2	6	17.3	...	-4	5	6	3		7	21.5	8	17.7	...	1	8	8	4	...
8	23.7	9	19.3	...	0	9	11	8		8	20.9	7	17.0	...	-2	6													

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WIA News

News on the 80 m DX Window

In discussions with the Spectrum management Agency (SMA) on 5 December last year, the WIA was told that, following their monitoring of the 80 m DX Window, the SMA was not impressed by the many instances of disgraceful behaviour of a small number of amateurs who frequented the segment. These operators are not giving fellow amateurs a fair go, with instances of deliberate interference to other local operators and other examples of inappropriate on-air behaviour, including out-of-band operation.

While the WIA's SMA Liaison team put forward a proposal to permit amateurs access to a wider band, between 3750 and 3800 kHz, the SMA pointed out that

amateurs were faced with three choices:

- (1) retaining the present window,
- (2) expansion of the window, or
- (3) withdrawal of the window.

An SMA spokesman said the easy option was to withdraw the window and that this was a serious consideration, given the prevailing circumstances.

However, in discussions between the WIA and SMA, it was decided that, if agreement could be obtained from the primary users in the segment between 3750 and 4000 kHz, amateurs might be able to share usage with them on a secondary basis, then the SMA might consider a submission for an increased allocation.

With the cooperation of the SMA, the WIA has obtained a list of primary users in this segment

and is writing to them with a view to obtaining responses by the end of January in order to submit a new proposal at the earliest opportunity in 1995.

Meanwhile, the SMA is to continue monitoring the DX Window. Operators using it should note that the SMA has warned that transmissions must remain within 3796-3800 kHz, which effectively means that for SSB voice transmissions, the carrier of a lower sideband signal should be no lower than 3799 kHz in order to keep the transmission sidebands within the DX Window.

In other words, there is only one SSB voice channel available in the DX Window. Don't "hog" it, give other operators a fair go. Above all, make sure your transmission stays within the Window.

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